

hudson henderson
INSURANCE BROKERS

Hudson Henderson
Insurance Brokers

AUTO HOME BUSINESS
INSURANCE

286 4727

Your community Insurance
Broker of Choice..

The Times

MINDEN ONTARIO

Publications mail agreement # 40063862

www.mindentimes.ca

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Voted one of ONTARIO'S BEST small town newspapers

\$1.50 (incl. GST)

PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE
for the road ahead
drive
Enhancing
Quality of Life!

Available at
HIGHLANDS
MEDICAL SUPPLIES
705.457.9355 (WELL)

13523 HWY.#118 West, Haliburton

Christmas in Carnarvon

The Tri-Vocals - Elly Malcomson, Chris Archer and Jessie Pflug - brought harmony to the annual Christmas in Carnarvon party on Dec. 3.
Chad Ingram Staff



Handlen's neighbours react to charges

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Garry Handlen was a familiar face in the community of Minden, often seen puttering around his yard on Anson Street or drinking at local bars.

A resident of the area for the past decade or so, Handlen was charged by RCMP with two counts of first-degree murder of two British Columbia girls on Dec. 1.

Handlen, 67, was arrested in Surrey, B.C., according to RCMP, charged in the deaths of Kathryn-Mary Herbert, who was murdered in 1975 at the age of 11 and Monica Jack, found dead in 1978 at the age of 12.

He had his first court appearance on Monday, Dec. 8 in Abbotsford, B.C., an appearance that was brief, lasting less than five minutes according to Vikki Hopes of *The Abbotsford News*.

"The courtroom was packed with family members of the two girls," Hopes told *The Minden Times*.

A long-time resident of Anson Street, Brent Devolin confirmed to the *Times* that Handlen has been living there for the past decade or so.

"I had observed him over the years, I didn't know him per se," said Devolin. "He's been there off and on ... [for] more than a decade ... he's someone you would see in the yard, because he's a putterer."

Devolin said he would wave to Handlen when saw him on the street but that the two never spoke.

see HANDLEN page 9

OPP bill brings tax increase for townships

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

As expected, the new OPP billing formula that will come into effect in 2015 will likely translate into a sizeable tax increase for Minden Hills residents.

The township's new council held a preliminary budget discussion during an orientation session with staff at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Dec. 4.

Passed by the provincial government in

August, the billing formula will nearly double Haliburton County's collective OPP bill from approximately \$3.3 million to approximately \$6.3 million during the next five years.

The increase is being phased in during that time.

In Minden Hills, the OPP bill will increase 57 per cent from approximately \$1.1 million to approximately \$1.9 million.

For 2015, the first year of the phase-in, the township's OPP requisition will jump by nearly a quarter-million dollars, from \$1.2

million to approximately \$1.47 million.

This increase equates to a 4.1 per cent tax increase for Minden Hills residents and councillors seemed to agree that, with the increase out of the township's control, the only option is for taxpayers to bear it.

"We're not going to limit our future ability to do things," said Reeve Brent Devolin, who was staunchly against cutting services to help come up with the money. "We're going to have to pay that. I'm not for cutting

see COUNCILS page 2



HOMEOWNERS HELPING HOMEOWNERS

'Deck the Halls'
with Live Wreaths and Trees,
Poinsettias and Christmas Decor!

Home
hardware

building centre

705-286-1351

16 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden

Mon - Sat: 7:30am-6pm

Sunday 9am-4pm

Tools Rentals
Helping you get the job done!

aeroplan **VISA**

MasterCard

HOME CREDIT CARD

Councils grapple with tight budgets

from page 1

services. I think it's a huge step back."

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed.

"That is not the way to go," she said. "When you start cutting services, that's a slippery slope."

Murdoch and her county council colleagues lobbied the Liberal government throughout 2014 to reconsider the formula, which redistributes OPP costs evenly among all the households in the province.

Because the model weights seasonal residences and year-round residences evenly, cottage communities are getting hammered, with councillors arguing the formula is flawed and unfair.

"You fought very hard on that issue," Devolin said, applauding members of the former county council, including predecessor Barb Reid.

It is likely Minden Hills residents will face a tax increase of at least 5.2 per cent in 2015, as there will also be a growth in assessment value of approximately 1.1 per cent.

Property taxes are based on valuations by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

At this early stage, it's unclear whether the township will be able to adequately maintain operations with a 1.1 per

cent increase.

Wages for 2015 are set to increase two per cent, as per a collective agreement that expires at the end of the year.

The township will see an increase in provincial funding in 2015. It will be receiving \$25,000 annually from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and its equalization payments from the OMPF – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – will increase this year.

"We are getting about \$65,000 more than we did last year," chief administrative officer/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard told councillors. "Those two [items] will help."

In Algonquin Highlands, councillors are exercising a similar philosophy, that the OPP bill increase is out of the township's control and will be carried by taxpayers. "We still have to grow the community," Reeve Carol Moffatt told the paper.

Council is considering a target that would cover the OPP bill, include growth and an additional two per cent, although, as Moffatt noted, "that's all subject to change when we get to the 'slice and dice' portion of our process."

Algonquin Highlands, which had the lowest per household cost for OPP services in the county at \$76, will see the most drastic increase of the county's four townships, with its police bill increasing 230 per cent during the phase-in period.

It will grow from \$330,000 to approximately \$1,075,000.

The average per household cost for OPP services is expected to be \$355 when the phase-in is complete.

The formula includes 60 per cent for fixed, base costs – at \$203 – with the remaining 30 per cent of a community's bill coming from calls for service.

Dealing with the weight of the OPP billing formula was not the only topic of discussion for councillors last Thursday.

Councillors talked about advisory committees, policies, the possibility of live-streaming meetings and more.

Murdoch said she thought the township had too many committees and that some of their functions overlap and urged reorganization of committees in the new year.

Devolin suggested that at least some committees should be chaired by members of the public, some of whom he said have expertise that outweigh that of councillors.

"To pass them over so they can't be the chair of a committee, I think we're shooting ourselves in the foot," he said. "We don't want to lose their knowledge and expertise."

"Some of the best chairs were community members," Murdoch said.

It has been common practice for citizens to chair township advisory committees, until councillors were made the chairs of all committees in a contentious 4-3 vote near the beginning of the last council term.

Blanchard told council she'd like to put together a working group to go through and suggest changes for the township's policies, some of which she said needed "cleaning up."

A number of township policies were changed during the last council term.

The working group will consist of Murdoch, Councillor Jeanne Anthon and Councillor Pam Sayne.

"I know where some of those policies were changed," Murdoch said.

Councillors asked staff to look into the logistics and costing of live-streaming council meetings, as well as the possibility of laptop computers for council chambers.

"Certainly, part of my intention in coming to the head of council is to increase transparency to the public," Devolin said, emphasizing that live-streaming council meetings could be part of this, allowing residents to watch the meetings via the Internet.

Councillor Lisa Schell was skeptical of the laptop idea.

"We're talking about using them twice a month, when most of us already have one," Schell said.

Council also discussed salaries and benefits.

Councillors receive pay increases in step with those given to staff.

The reeve's salary sits at \$25,970; deputy-reeve \$20,777; and councillors \$17,530.

Councillors are offered a Manulife flex plan, where they pick and choose benefits, customizing a plan.

The township pays up to \$260 a month per councillor for benefits. Costs after that are automatically taken off pay cheques.

Mileage is paid on a sliding scale based on the price of gas and is for transportation to and from council meetings.

Additional trips require council approval.

“

Certainly, part of my intention in coming to the head of council is to increase transparency to the public.

— Reeve Brent Devolin

Dining in the Highlands

Molly's Bistro, a Christmas gift for us all

If the ghost of Christmas Future wanted to show Ebenezer Scrooge what Christmas ought to taste like, he would have taken him directly to Molly's Bistro Bakery on 170 Bobcaygeon Road, in Minden. And, believe me; Scrooge would have needed no further convincing.

Molly McInerney and her talented team are experts at traditional holiday baking. And, lucky for us, they have been stocking the Bistro's freezer with wonderful foods that add a special touch to any holiday meal. All you need do is visit to buy some.

"We love to cook and bake Christmas treats from scratch so you don't have to," says Molly. "We know Christmas is a busy time for everyone and we're hoping we can make

the lives of our customers a lot less hectic with these offerings."

Among the seasonal cuisine offered is traditional French tortiere, delicious mincemeat tarts, and a pumpkin pie that gives you no choice but to ask for seconds. Of course, there are other delectable pies and treats too. Molly would not have it any other way.

"It doesn't matter if the order is big or small," Molly says. "Come on down and pick whatever you need out of our freezer."

Open from 7 to 3, 7 days a week, Molly's is also renowned for its fantastic breakfasts, lunches and a delicious array of baked goods provided year round. The "Boring Breakfast" of bacon, eggs, home fries and coffee is

a favourite, but her menu is anything but dull. You'll find fantastic, original dishes here, you won't see anywhere else.

Fresh breads, made by her husband Guy and savory or fruit pies are take-home favourites. There are also gluten-free and vegetarian options. If you don't feel like cooking, there are freshly frozen favourites like chicken, steak or shepherd's pies, lasagnas or quiches ready for your oven.

But at Christmas time, well, that's when the talent of her team really shines. You might want to consider it their gift to you.

To find out more visit www.mollysbistrobakery.ca or contact her at 705-286-6988 Email: mollysbistrobakery@gmail.com

The Weekenders Breakfast: Try one of these Scrumptious Delights any day of the week. Just don't tell Molly!

Eggs Benedict: a Homemade Tea Biscuit topped with Peameal, a Poached Egg and Creamy Hollandaise Sauce.

Eggs Florentine: Homemade Tea Biscuit topped with Spinach, Poached Egg and Hollandaise Sauce

Eggs Benjamin: Homemade Tea Biscuit topped with Smoked Salmon, Capers, Poached Egg and Hollandaise Sauce.

Eggs Santa Fe: Homemade Corn Bread with a Poached Egg, topped with Bacon, Avocado & Salsa



Amazing All-Day Breakfasts

Incredible Lunches

Scrumptious Breads & Sweet Treats

New 2 Bedroom B&B

Open 7 Days a Week 7am - 3pm

170 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden

705-286-6988 www.MollysBistroBakery.ca

Where memories begin!

Classic cocktails, fine wines, creative cuisine and satisfying sweets. At the Bonnie View Inn Resort dining in our lakeside dining room is more than a meal, it's an experience.



1-800-461-0347 • 705-457-2350 • www.bonnieview.com

Correction

In last week's Algonquin Highlands inauguration story, it was reported that Reeve Carol Moffatt spoke to issues including infrastructure costs and providing necessary services. Those issues were in fact brought up by Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Glass Eagle Studios ~ Blairhampton Rd & Cty. Rd. 21 ~ 705 286 3628



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

\$10 OFF with this ad.

for every \$50 you spend on all Finished Glass and All Custom Orders (tax included on all purchases)

Minden inspiration for Toronto musician

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden and its rocky terrain have been inspiring Charlie Mills for years, so it's fitting that the alt-country artist's newest project takes its content and title from the village.

The Minden EP, recorded with Mills's band the Damned Colonials, will be available on iTunes and on streaming sites, Mills is hoping on Christmas day.

Devon Gergovich on bass and Adam Thrasher on drums round out the trio. The songs have been recorded and are currently in post-production.

"Myself and the producer were talking about something smaller," Mills says, explaining the project is an in-between-albums sort of thing.

Mills records at Toronto's NuVintage Recording Studio with producer Jeff Scott. His last album, Mills's second, was called *Work in Progress* and was released in spring of 2013. One of its tracks, *Lakes and Bays*, was a CBC Songs of the Summer Top 10 finalist.

The new EP consists of the title track, *Minden*, a reworking of one of Mills's older songs and a reimagining of a Tragically Hip track *Three Pistols*.

"When I was growing up I went to Onondaga Camp," Mills says, explaining his connection to the area. "My father and uncles all went to Onondaga too."

It was at camp that Mills, 33, learned to play guitar.

During those periods, travelling up to the village was a rare treat.

"When you're at camp and you're allowed to go out . . . it's an exciting thing to get into town," he says, recalling meals the Brown Owl Restaurant. The Brown Owl is gone now, in its place the Canadian Tire gas bar.

"It's about not being able to go back to a place and time," Mills says of the title track, explaining he has been back to visit in intervening years.

It's not the first time Minden had moved Mills to write.

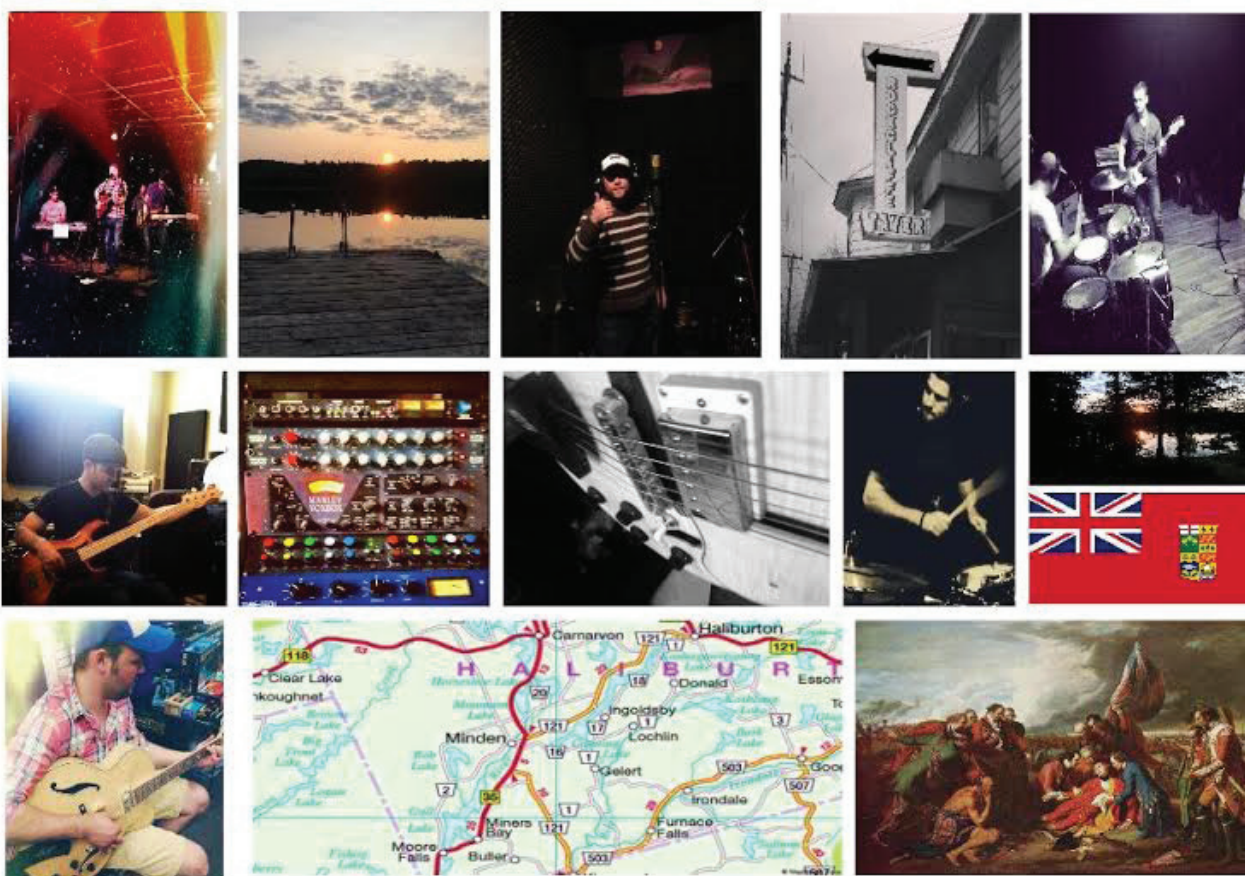
Little Place, a song from his 2010 album *A City Slicker's Country Heart*, is laced with local references.

"I've been thinking of a Little Place like that, Little Bob Lake and I'd like to on back," the lyrics read. "I've been thinking of a Little Place I know, write me at KOM 2K0."

The theme of Central Ontario's landscape seems to run like a river through Mills's music.

"That imagery evokes strong emotions in me," he says.

Charlie Mills and the Damned Colonials - The Minden EP



Charlie Mills expects his new EP to be released on Christmas day. Photo submitted

Mills, who is a teacher at a Toronto private school, is also passionate about history, which he studied at McGill and Trent universities.

Would he leave his day job if his musical career offered him that opportunity?

"I do love teaching," he says. "I think I'm really lucky to be able to explore a passion of mine . . . I don't think they're

mutually exclusive."

Sometimes Mills's passions overlap, as they do on *1759*, a song about the battle on the Plains of Abraham.

"That's what I teach," he says.

He's on Twitter @chuckmillsmusic.

Starting the day off right at ASES

From left, Archie Stouffer Elementary School students Sydney Christian, Chantelle Mavor and Emma Bull get scrambled eggs from the Breakfast Club's Donna Hudson on Wednesday morning, Nov. 26. The club was assisted by volunteers Mary McKelvey, Karen McCloy and Barb Ballantyne.

The club provides a complete breakfast, which includes toast, yogurt and milk, and is part of the Haliburton County Food for Kids program. Donations are always welcome.

Call Hudson at 705-489-4756. See www.studentnutritionprogram.ca/haliburton.html for more information.

Darren Lum Times staff



Kinmount Times

Dilapidated building comes down

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Christmas has come early to Kinmount. The derelict former gas station that sat abandoned at the intersection of county roads 121 and 503 for 20 years was demolished last week.

After the last owner of the business went bankrupt, the province and City of Kawartha Lakes seemed to play hot potato with the property for years, neither level of government wanting to take responsibility for it.

In the meantime, the state of the building grew worse, with smashed windows and a caved-in roof, suffered when a tree fell on it.

Not only was the building a despised eye sore, Kinmount residents said it was dangerous and feared it was only a matter of time before someone got hurt.

The City of Kawartha Lakes put the property up for tax sale on May 16 and it was purchased by numbered company 2420945 Ontario Inc.

Last week, what was left of the former gas station came down and up went a festive display of coniferous boughs and orna-

ments, a celebration that the building's aesthetic oppression had come to an end.

Resident Patrick Healey, a rep for the numbered company, wouldn't say what might be located on the property in the future.

"Just wait and see what's coming," he told the paper. "I'm not saying a thing one way or the other. The thing was to get the building down."

On Monday, a card from a thankful passerby had been left in one of the trees.

Healey thanked those who had contributed to the "Kinmount Eye Sore" trust he set up at the local credit union.

Chad Ingram Staff

Patrick Healey at the County Road 121 property that for 20 years housed an abandoned gas station. The derelict building was demolished last week.



Minden Community Basket Campaign 2014

**TO: MINDEN & AREA FAMILIES
IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE**

AT CHRISTMAS

Requests for food boxes must be made by the recipient between

**Dec. 1st - Dec. 5th
Dec. 8th - Dec. 12th
Phone: 705-489-1364
From 10 AM to 4 PM**

All Christmas Boxes are to be picked up by the applicant.

Please have identification with you.

You can arrange to pick up your Christmas Basket in the afternoon of

Friday December 19th, 2014

from 1pm -3pm

at the Minden Community Center.

The giving of many Community Service Clubs, Churches & Individuals has made this gift to you possible.

Remember the last date to register is Dec. 12th.

Don't get caught without a basket because you forgot to register!



Chad Ingram Staff

Liam Dunlop was unsure about his gift from Santa Claus at the Kinmount Legion on Dec. 7.

Santa comes to Kinmount



Families line up for their turn to see Santa Claus.

county news

Fixing infractions at Highland Wood

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 4 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

A nine-day provincial inspection of the Highland Wood long-term care facility in Haliburton noted 11 non-compliances, although Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian called these infractions “relatively minor” and said 11 non-compliances out of 1,000 criteria was not bad.

Some related to skin and wound care, drug destruction and disposal and failing to report a critical incident to a director immediately.

Measures will be taken to address these areas moving forward.

Reducing ER visits

According to a report from the Canadian Institute of Health Information, one in five visits to an emergency room is avoidable, this figure increasing to one in three visits when applied to residents of long-term care homes.

“For us, it’s relevant,” said Eskedjian, noting that because of the close proximity of Highland Wood and Hyland Crest to the hospitals in Haliburton and Minden, residents are sometimes taken to the ER for care.

These decisions are generally made by nurses. “We think there’s an opportunity for improvement,” Eskedjian said.

Ready for Ebola

Despite no recorded cases in the country or the province, doctors and nurses in the county have met a Ministry of Labour directive that medical professionals be trained to deal with encounters of a person with Ebola.

Some were trained as late as Dec. 3.

“They got into those suits,” Eskedjian said.

New committee popular

A new community advisory committee for HHHS attracted 60 applicants, 15 of whom were chosen to sit.

The committee will include two members of the former Community Care Haliburton County board, whose input board chairman John Kay said would be invaluable.

Details of the committee’s function will be rolled out in the new year.

System glitches delay OW payments

Jenn Watt
Editor

Rod Sutherland still isn’t sure exactly what led to 170 late payments to Ontario Works recipients in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes last week.

Using a new system implemented by the provincial government in November, the social services department has been tracking missed payments in addition to other payment discrepancies throughout the last month.

“We’re not 100 per cent clear still what has happened,” said Sutherland, the director of health and social services. “We’re continuing to monitor that.”

Across Ontario, similar problems have been coming up since SAMS, the Social Assistance Management System, was brought in on Nov. 11.

Money that was to be paid out on Monday, Dec. 1 accounting for a month’s worth of OW benefit was delayed in some cases up until Friday, Dec. 5.

“In some cases, four or five days is a very long time, if this is the sole source of income,” Sutherland said. “Especially dealing with a lot of vulnerable people ... this is their only source of funding for their basic needs: food, shelter.”

His department was able to arrange for food vouchers for some clients and spent time on the phone with landlords who were demanding their rent payments.

Sutherland said he doesn’t know how many of the 170 cases were Haliburton County residents, but said it was likely in proportion to the caseload in the county – 16 to 18 per cent.

The City of Kawartha Lakes handles social services for Haliburton County and has approximately 1,600 cases right now.

Sutherland met with the Ministry of Community and Social Services assistant deputy minister responsible for social assistance on Dec. 3, a press release from CKL says. “The ministry ... has assured the city that they are working to address the problems with the system.”

The next scheduled OW payment is Dec. 23.



We’re not 100 per cent clear still what has happened.

— Rod Sutherland,

Director of health and social services

The gift that gives
all year long!



Do you have a friend or family member that is hard to buy for at Christmas time?

Why not consider a gift subscription to the Haliburton County Echo or Minden Times?

Gift subscriptions are **only \$46.00** and will be delivered for one year to an address of your choice. Each gift subscription will include a gift card for you to announce your gift.

Or

Renew or buy a subscription for yourself for \$46.00 and buy up to two gift subscriptions for only \$25.00 EACH!

Each gift subscription will include a gift card to announce your gift and will be delivered to the address of your choice for one year.



For more information or to purchase your gift subscription please call
Debbie Comer at 705-286-1288.





points of view

The Times

2 IGA Road, Box 97
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0
• 705-286-1288 • Fax 705-286-4768
Published by White Pine Media Corp

DAVID ZILSTRA,
Publisher and Ad Director, ext. 37, david.ext.37@haliburtonpress.com
zilstra@gmail.com

JENN WATT, Managing Editor
ext. 39, jenn@haliburtonpress.com

JENNIFER MCEATHRON, Admin
jenniferm@haliburtonpress.com

DEBBIE COMER, Circulation,
debbie@haliburtonpress.com

CHAD INGRAM, Reporter,
chad@haliburtonpress.com

Canadian Heritage Patrimoine canadien

We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Canada Periodical Fund (CPF) for our publishing activities

Canada

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. - noon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Must be signed and include phone number. Unsigned letters will not be published. Email must include name and phone number. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: All Subscriptions: \$46/ per year or \$88 for 2 years or \$117.
Subscriptions must be prepaid. Call Debbie @ 705-286-1288

Dark coincidence

A SERIES OF DARK coincidences seems to be casting a bit of a shadow over Minden in recent weeks.

As was reported in the *Times* last week, it turns out that Jian Ghomeshi, the former CBC darling now facing numerous charges of sexual assault, took refuge at a Gull Lake cottage following his firing from the national broadcaster in late October.

That revelation came only after Ghomeshi turned himself into

Toronto Police on Nov. 26 and to learn that the disgraced star, accused of having abused women over the past two decades or more, was hiding out just a few kilometres south of Minden was creepy.

Whatever degree of discomfort that caused Mindenites was surpassed mere days later when Garry Handlen, a man who has lived in Minden, off and on and at least for the past decade, was arrested by a B.C. police force for the murder of two girls in that province in the 1970s.

What's more is that, according to the CBC, Handlen had been convicted of and served nearly 20 years of combined jail time on charges of rape and violent sexual assault.

The shock was particularly visceral for me and I know many others. In the half a dozen years I've been in the community, I've met Handlen half a dozen or so times.

Sharing a mutual friend, I was in the Anson Street home where he'd

lived during the 2013 flood. I've also raised a pint with him at one of Minden's watering holes.

I've drunk beer with the guy.

So, it was chilling to the point of disbelief when, early last week, I recognized the face staring back at me from the *National Post* website.

There have been sardonic jokes of course, but that's what humans do in the face of unpleasant situations.

Minden, In Season, Every Season. . . If You're a Violent Criminal.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Indeed, I've heard people ask, what is it about Minden that makes it an apparent hideout for those running from something sinister?

The reality is there is nothing about Minden that has brought this on. These dark coincidences are just that, coincidences, and people shouldn't think they somehow reflect on the community, because they don't.

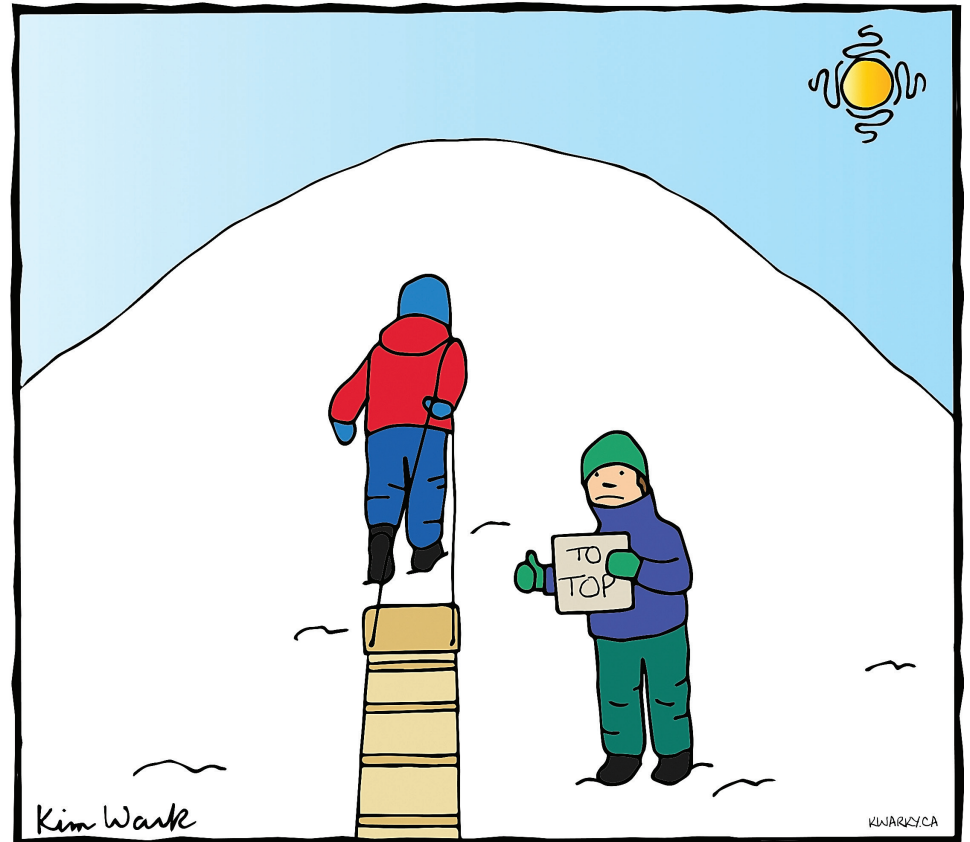
They are a random series of unfortunate events and it's foolish to read anything into them.

2015 is shaping up to be a great year for Minden. A new council is already exhibiting more collaboration and functionality than the township has seen in its municipal government in four years. And the Pan Am Games are coming to Minden Hills in June.

There's much to celebrate. Let's not get bogged down by the events of the past couple weeks.

Onward. Upward.

KWARKY



Unbelievable

IF YOU WANT a real sense of how entitled some people feel these days, all you need do is think carefully about the recent Saskatoon Tim Hortons snake incident.

In that sad episode, two 20-something year old men walked into Tim Hortons ordered sandwiches and specified they wanted diced onions on them – something they were immediately told Tim Hortons does not provide. This simple restriction caused these two Mensa Society rejects to get upset. So much so that a heated argument followed. Then, one of them pulled a snake out of the other's coat pocket and threw it behind the counter.

Really? Over onions?

Fortunately, it was a garter snake. Unfortunately, the staff behind the counter was not expert at snake identification so panic ensued and – no doubt – the drive-through line-up got delayed.

All because two spoiled twerps wanted diced onions.

I know this probably runs counter to what is considered acceptable in our progressive society, but I think the police should have dragged those two morons back into the store by the ears and publicly spanked. At the very least, they should have been made to spend the rest of the day sitting in a time out chair where they would have had to explain to anyone who asked why they were there.

If you are going to act like a child you should be treated like one.

I know it's only a minor misdemeanor. But it is also a symptom of how spoiled people are these days.

Diced onions for goodness sake...

Maybe I'm getting old but I still remember a time when you accepted a reasonable answer from the person behind the counter. You knew that the person you were speaking to didn't make the pol-

icy; he was just trying to get through the day. And though the answer might not be what you wanted to hear, you realized that if you asked for diced onions and got sliced onions instead life would somehow go on. And, at no point would you ever consider throwing a snake.

The act of throwing a snake was reserved for special occasions like your sister's pool party.

Somehow, we've lost that sort of civility however.

What really makes me mad is that these guys – and remember these are guys who are carrying a garter snake in their coat pocket – are acting as if their taste buds are so refined that they can tell the difference between the flavour of diced and sliced onions. Which begs the question, why would someone with that sort of refined palate order a sandwich at Tim Hortons?

Don't get me wrong; I love my Timmy's. But it's not exactly fine dining.

Maybe I'm making too big a deal of this, but I think it's high time we brought back public stockades. You know those old wooden things that were once in town squares. They were the place where petty criminals were held by their wrists and head while the goodly townsfolk throw tomatoes and other rotten vegetables at them.

These guys seem like prime candidates for this sort of treatment.

I bet a lot of valuable life lessons were learned at the stockades.

I know to some this probably seems like cruel and unusual punishment. I'm not of that opinion, however.

In fact, I'd be the first one to throw some vegetables. And, you know, I'd probably start with diced onions.

Email your letter to the editor to:
jenn@haliburtonpress.com

points of view

Winter of discontent

Finally, I get it. I understand now why the Jian Ghomeshi story has rolled across the country like a flash flood. I have no problem understanding the importance of the issue behind the story. Violence against women, and why they fear reporting it, are threats to a decent, safe society.

What I couldn't get is the intensity of the media frenzy. Is the general public really that anxious for more about a narcissistic disc jockey fond of thumping girlfriends during sex?

Even the CBC, Ground Zero for the Ghomeshi bomb, took time outs from its weeping and the gnashing of backbiting teeth to broadcast the smallest details. Pastor Mansbridge intoned about it almost nightly. The Fifth Estate investigated and gave the story prominence.

I suspect that the Big City newspapers spent fortunes on extra ink and paper to print their exhaustive Ghomeshi reports, even when there was little new to report. *The Toronto Sun* ran six photographs and one artist's sketch of the fallen star's first court appearance. Those images, basically all the same, were needed

to break up the columns of type created by the seven stories needed to tell people about the brief court appearance.

Not since Wolfman Jack MCed the Ozark Music Festival back in '74 has a disk jockey received so much media attention.

But I get it now. The Ghomeshi story is a diversion in our unhappy times. We Canadians, and our neighbours to the south, are in a deep funk. Many of us are entering our seventh year of

economic recession, even though it is said to have ended two or three years ago. Contract work is becoming more common than permanent jobs. The investment accounts of the rich continue to swell while more and more people visit food banks.

Climate change has left us dazed. Pollution and shifting Polar vortexes stir screaming Arctic storms one day, unprecedented drought on another, floods on still another. The World Wildlife Fund reports that the number of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish across the globe is about half the number of 40 years ago.

Militarism in our police forces is an increasing concern. Police actions are questioned and protested while more and more police officers are shot at.

Meanwhile, our law enforcement agencies are still trying to win the war on drugs, which turns 44 in a couple of weeks.

Then there's radical Islam cutting off the heads of innocent unbelievers abroad and spreading hatred into our own communities.

Our politicians seek to comfort us by feeding us bafflegab and Pabulum press releases. One example, from Steven Blaney, our federal public safety minister, the other day:

"Terrorism remains a real and serious threat to Canadians, which is why we must remain vigilant."

Wow, that's fresh and deep thinking, Stevie. But I think we've had the message since Sept. 11, 2001 when radical Islamists murdered 3,000 people on North American soil.

All this is creating a Winter of Discontent in which we look for distractions to shift our focus from the nasty crap piling up around us. There's nothing like a sex scandal involving a spotlighted personality to take our minds off our troubles.

Really though, who needs the Ghomeshi story to deflect our thoughts from the problems of the day?

If you need a diversion, take a walk in the woods. December storms have not materialized - yet. The snow is not even ankle deep, and soft and creaky in temperatures sometimes slipping above freezing. Daylight hours start growing again in 10 days and there's plenty of sun in the forecast.

If you are not up to a walk, take a drive along one of our sun soaked backroads. You can afford it now that the price of gasoline is sinking below a buck a litre.

Email: shaman@vianet.ca
Blog: <http://onshamansrock.blogspot.ca/>

letters to the editor

Cottagers well represented by council

To the Editor,

In reading Chad Ingram's latest editorial, "Bridging The Divide", I was surprised to learn that an outgoing councillor is claiming that the new Minden Hills council no longer represents cottager issues. I won't debate whether "cottager" is an appropriate term; I've been one for 47 yrs. and am very comfortable with that tag, being seasonal or permanent.

Let me reassure that person that "cottagers" are well represented on this new council. Never mind that all councillors have pledged to represent all the interests of all their ratepayers, I happen to know that one of the new councillors was president of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Assocs. (FOCA) for four years, on

the FOCA board for 14 years. and helped initiate the Ontario Lake Stewardship Program; was a director on the North American Lake Management Society representing Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba for two years; a governor of the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain for eight years, executive member for four; appointed by the Ontario Government to participate in strategic planning for Ontario Fisheries; represented "cottagers" at the provincial review of alternatives to market value assessment, and worked since the '60s on a variety of lake issues from septic inspections to lake planning.

Does that cover the waterfront adequately?

Jeanne Anthon,
Councillor Ward 1

Eye sore eliminated

To the Editor,

Have you driven through Kimount lately? Wow! The clean up of the century at the corner of Hwy 121/503. No kidding.

Two thumbs up for whoever owns this property now. I just want to say thank you, sir, for cleaning up one of the worst eye sores in this charming little town.

You have done what others were complaining about for years I'm sure and nothing was done. Yes 2420945 Ontario Inc, two thumbs up again. You did a great job for Kinmount and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

John Nowak
Minden

No ice is safe ice

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning the public to please stay off what may appear to be frozen ice surfaces. Although it may appear that there is ice on area lakes and rivers, the ice is not safe and the conditions have not been cold enough to allow for strong ice to form.

Ice is constantly changing in response to weather and water conditions and is effected by many different factors including thickness, currents, age of the ice, pressure cracks and snow cover.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP encourages everyone to stay off the ice when conditions are obviously dangerous especially in the early winter and late spring.

The advice of the OPP is very simple as at this time "No Ice, is Safe Ice". Please follow this very important public safety message as any ice related rescue has the potential to put the lives of many first responders at great risk.

Submitted



TD gives to food bank

The Minden Food Bank is very grateful to TD Canada Trust for the grant given to us. The amount was \$1,000 and will be a big help in getting the programming started in the Community Kitchen. Pictured are Max Ward, food bank treasurer, his daughter Emily and Minden branch manager, Carol Patrick.

Gifts from the Heart Catalogue



This holiday season, give a gift that will show your support for residents of Haliburton County who may be hungry, ill, alone or grieving. Every gift you purchase will go directly to help children, families and seniors right here in your own community. Gifts as low as \$15 can and do change lives. Make a difference today!

SIRCH
community
services

*Changing
Lives!*

To Order Visit: www.sirch.on.ca
or Phone 705-457-1742 ext 28



A great way to say
'Thank You'
to everyone on your list!

Teacher & School Staff
Bus Driver
Hairdresser
Manicurist
Dog Walker
Housekeeper

Handlen was nice, helpful: neighbours

from page 1

"He was a quiet, solitary soul," said Devolin. "I never heard anything negative about him, ever."

Handlen was known to other residents of Anson Street as well.

"He gave us a TV and a VCR," said a man, who wished not be identified, explaining Handlen had assisted him and his wife after the devastating flood in the spring of 2013. "I know he's done work for other people on the street."

The couple, whose home is a few doors down from the residence where Handlen was living, said they saw him on a regular basis and were shocked to learn of the murder charges.

"We see him every day, nearly," the man said. "Always friendly. From what we knew of him, you couldn't ask for a nicer guy."

Another neighbour said he'd only met him once, but understood that Handlen did work as a handyman.

The woman in the house next door to the home where Handlen stayed said she knew of the charges, but had no comment.

The Times was not able to contact the woman who owns the home where Handlen resided.

Sean Hooey, owner of popular bar The Rockcliffe Tavern, said Handlen used to frequent his establishment.

"He was in here the summer of 2012," said Hooey. "He was here quite often ... he was kind of a weird guy. He would get kind of confrontational with people after a few drinks."

Hooey said it got to a point where he asked Handlen to stop coming to the bar. He didn't see him again until the summer of 2013.

"He was randomly in here on a Saturday night," he said. "I told him to leave and he got kind of wound up."

Hooey said he didn't have any indication of Handlen's criminal past and that he mostly kept to himself.

"He would come in and have a cheeseburger and a beer ... he was usually on his own" said Hooey. "He used to talk about being here [in Minden] in the 1980s."

When the bar owner first heard the news that Handlen was charged with first-degree murder he was shocked. The charges have not been proven in a court of law.

Hooey said Handlen always used his real name when at The Rockcliffe.

Devolin said he did see Handlen in the neighbourhood during the month of November, but can't remember the last time he saw him.

According to the RCMP, Handlen was arrested without incident on Nov. 28 in Surrey, B.C. His next court date is scheduled for March 2, Hopes told *The Times*.

Handlen remains in custody and it is not known when a bail hearing will be set, according to The Abbotsford News.

Anyone with information on Handlen is encouraged to contact the RCMP tip line at 1-877-543-4822.

“

From what we knew of him, you couldn't ask for a nicer guy.

— Garry Handlen's neighbours on Anson Street



Anne Campbell works on a customized wreath at The S. Claus Collection in Minden.



S. Claus Collection pops up in Minden

The S. Claus Collection recently popped up in the building at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Newcastle Street in downtown Minden. The boutique offers Christmas decor and gifts, including customized wreaths. After Christmas, it will remain, selling gourmet supplies, home decor, etc. and will retain a Christmas section year-round.

Chad Ingram
Staff

Come Ski With Us – more than 70 kms of skate & classic trails



**Haliburton Highlands
Nordic Trail & Ski
Club Association**

"Ontario's Best Cross Country
Ski System"

**Glebe Park- Mousewoods -Pinestone /
Resort Area - Twin Lakes (dog friendly)**

Season Passes

Adults \$120 • Family \$210

Daily Passes:

Adults \$13 Students \$8

Marked snowshoe trails at Lakeview Motel/Resort &
Pinestone Resort - Daily Pass \$5

Register on-line at

www.skihaliburton.com

Radio Hall Concert

Uplift Gospel Christmas Concert

Conducted by Rev. Bev. of Northland Faith Church

December 12th at 7:30 pm

Doors open at 7:00 pm

**Call 705-457-1009 or email: radiohall@canoefm.com
to reserve your seats.**

**FREE!
EVENT!**



2014 Christmas bird count this Sunday

Dennis Barry
Special to the Times

Hope everyone's getting excited about this year's Christmas bird count happening Sunday, Dec. 14. The weather forecasters are promising to co-operate, but we'll have to wait and see.

This will be the 48th year for the count. Over that time 103 different species of birds have been found, plus one additional, red-throated loon, seen only during count week. Only six kinds have been seen on every count. You can probably guess at least four of them: downy and hairy woodpeckers, blue jay and black-capped chickadee. The other two are ruffed grouse and common raven. There are six other species that have been recorded in every year but one. However, there are 25 species that have been seen on only one of the 47 counts.

There are two birds that I have seen in the count circle during winter, but not on an official count. One winter during the late 1950s at a time when my parents raised beef

cattle on a farm south of Minden, a killdeer spent several months there. Each day my father would chop ice from springs in the farmyard and let the cattle outside to drink. The killdeer would come to the water-holes every day to look for food. There was another spring about half a kilometre away across the highway that stayed open all the time. Even when temperatures were way below zero Fahrenheit, frogs and insects such as water boatmen could be seen moving slowly about beneath the surface. The killdeer spent every night there and was able to find enough food that it survived at least into February.

During two winters in that same era, a saw-whet owl would appear in our barn just before each major snowstorm. When I turned on lights to toss down hay to feed the cattle for the next day, the tiny owl would sit on a large rope attached through pulleys to a large fork used in summer to haul hay off a wagon up into the haymow. When I moved the hay, I would often disturb mice or house sparrows that were hiding there. The owl would watch for a mouse to run along a beam, or a sparrow to fly out. Neither would

get far before the owl caught its dinner. At the beginning of winter there were perhaps two dozen sparrows in the barn. By spring only two had escaped its talons. As soon as the skies cleared after a storm, the little owl would disappear. Unlike the "experts" on the local news, its weather forecasting was never wrong.

While it's extremely unlikely a killdeer will be found in Haliburton County again during winter, there are, no doubt, a few saw-whet owls hiding out somewhere in the count circle at this very moment. Maybe you'll be the lucky person to find the first one for the count.

Dec. 14 is the first day of the official count period which lasts until Jan. 5. This year's count is being held on Sunday in order to take advantage of any remaining open water to find lingering gulls and waterfowl.

To check results from past counts, go to the National Audubon website. This count is named "Minden" after the largest town in the count circle, and the code is ONMN.

The circle extends from Kinmount in the south, west to Bob Lake, to Mountain Lake in the north and east to Irondale, Gelert, Lochlin and Ingoldsby. It was selected to include the most open water in the Gull River and Burnt River systems. So far, small lakes, and bays on larger lakes have frozen, but rivers and the main parts of large lakes remain open, and snow cover is still limited. The long range forecast for Dec. 14 calls for sunshine and a high temperature of +2 C. That should encourage birds to come to feeders and make for a pleasant experience for those out looking for them.

So stock your feeders with sunflower

seed and niger, scatter some millet or cracked corn on the ground for the juncos and mourning doves, and hang up some suet for the gray jays and nuthatches. Call to join us on Dec. 14, but, most importantly, let us know what birds are at your feeders and around your neighbourhood so they're included in this year's totals. How many chickadees are visiting your yard is perhaps more important to the overall results than the presence of less common birds. So don't think because you see only three birds on Dec. 14, your results aren't important. With so little wild food available, the success of this year's count depends on you.

Contact Ed, Thom or Dennis for more information, or to join a group on Dec. 14.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 14, or phone Ed or Thom on Dec. 15. Or you can email your results to Dennis or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd., Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7. Species not seen by anyone on Dec. 14, but found on Dec. 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 or 17 will be recorded as Count Week birds. Numbers of individuals are not recorded for birds seen on any day except Dec. 14. We just want to know, for example, that, while no one saw a golden eagle anywhere in the count circle on Dec. 14, one was spotted circling over Gelert on Dec. 16.

Thom Lambert 457-9110 singing.dog@sympatico.ca

Ed Poropat 457-3018 ed.barb@sympatico.ca

Dennis Barry 905-725-2116 dbarry@interlinks.net

The Games Are Coming...

Haliburton Highlands
Ontario 55+ Winter Games
Jeux d'hiver de l'Ontario des 55+
2015

Volunteers Needed for the 2015 Winter Games

Register online at
www.ontario55pluswintergames.com

Thank you to our funding partners:

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors program.

Proudly sponsored by:

Follow our reporters on Twitter:

@JennWattMedia

@AngelicaBlenich

@DarrenLum1

@ChadIngramMedia

Special Holiday Hours

Closed Dec 24th - 26th
Open Saturday the 27th 9-5
Dec 31st 7:30-12
Closed Jan 1st
Open Friday Jan 2nd
Reg Hours (7:30-5:30)

25 Hops Dr., Haliburton 705-457-2022 www.cordellcarpet.ca

Get the Minden Times in your Mailbox every Wednesday at a discounted price!

Call Debbie at 705-286-1288 to subscribe



CHEVROLET



HOLIDAY EVENT

ELIGIBLE OWNERS
RECEIVE UP TO **\$1,500** IN HOLIDAY
CASH

+PLUS GET SIGN AND DRIVE LEASING* ON SELECT 2015s

\$0 FIRST MONTH'S
PAYMENT
IT'S ON US! / **\$0** DOWN
PAYMENT / **\$0** SECURITY
DEPOSIT / **\$0** DUE AT
DELIVERY



LTX shown^{††}

REDESIGNED 2015 CRUZE LS

SIGN & DRIVE
LEASE **\$84** @ **1.5%** WITH **\$0** DOWN
PAYMENT
FOR 60 MONTHS* BI-WEEKLY. INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI & LEVIES.

OFFER INCLUDES \$750 IN HOLIDAY CASH^{*}**

FEATURES:

- NHTSA 5-STAR SAFETY RATING⁹ WITH 10 STANDARD AIRBAGS
- STANDARD ONSTAR WITH 4G LTE WI-FI[®] WITH REMOTELINK™ SMARTPHONE KEY FOB[†]
- POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS & REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY

OFFER INCLUDES \$1,000 IN HOLIDAY CASH^{*}**

2015 SILVERADO 4X4 DOUBLE CAB 1WT

SIGN & DRIVE
LEASE **\$169** @ **0%** WITH **\$0** DOWN
PAYMENT
FOR 36 MONTHS* BI-WEEKLY. INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI, LEVIES & \$4,500 CREDIT.*



THE ALL-NEW SILVERADO
2014 NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK OF THE YEAR

FEATURES:

- 285 HP ECOTEC 3 ENGINE – 9.0L/100 KM HWY⁸
- EXCLUSIVE AUTOMATIC LOCKING REAR DIFFERENTIAL
- NHTSA 5-STAR SAFETY RATING⁹
- AVAILABLE WI-FI FOR SEVEN MOBILE DEVICES



LTX Z71 Double Cab 4x4 shown^{††}



LTX AWD shown^{††}

2015 EQUINOX LS ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

SIGN & DRIVE
LEASE **\$157** @ **0.9%** WITH **\$0** DOWN
PAYMENT
FOR 48 MONTHS* BI-WEEKLY. INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI & LEVIES.

OFFER INCLUDES \$750 IN HOLIDAY CASH^{*}**

FEATURES:

- BEST-IN-CLASS REAR SEAT LEGROOM^{*}
- STANDARD ONSTAR WITH 4G LTE WI-FI[®] WITH REMOTELINK™ SMARTPHONE KEY FOB[†]
- IMPRESSIVE FUEL ECONOMY – 7.3L/100 KM HWY⁸

**ALL 2015s COME WITH
CHEVROLET
COMPLETE CARE:**

2 YEARS/40,000 KM
COMPLIMENTARY
OIL CHANGES^{**}

5 YEARS/160,000 KM
POWERTRAIN
WARRANTY^{††}

5 YEARS/160,000 KM
ROADSIDE
ASSISTANCE^{††}

CHEVROLET



FIND NEW ROADS / chevrolet.ca

VEHICLE PRICING IS NOW EASIER TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE ALL OUR PRICES INCLUDE FREIGHT, PDI AND MANDATORY GOVERNMENT LEVIES. Prices do not include applicable taxes and PPSA. Consumers may be required to pay up to \$799 for Dealer fees.***

For the latest information, visit us at chevrolet.ca, drop by your local Chevrolet Dealer or call us at 1-800-GM-DRIVE. ▼Based on a 36/60/48-month lease for 2015 Chevrolet (Cruze LS 1SA/Silverado 1500 Double Cab 4x4 1WT/Equinox LS AWD 1LS). Annual kilometre limit of 20,000 km, \$0.16 per excess kilometre. OAC by GM Financial. Monthly/bi-weekly payments may vary depending on down payment/trade. A down payment or trade of \$0 and/or \$0 security deposit is required. Total obligation is \$10,958/\$13,184/\$16,283. Option to purchase at lease end is \$6,862/\$17,041/\$13,053. Excess wear and tear and km charges not included. Other lease options available. ♦\$4,500 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive) for 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab and is reflected in offers in this advertisement. Other cash credits available on most models. See dealer for details. ▼†/††Freight & PDI (\$1,600/\$1,650/\$1,695), registration, air and tire levies and OMVIC fees included. Insurance, licence, PPSA, dealer fees and applicable taxes not included. Offers apply as indicated to 2015 new or demonstrator models of the vehicle equipped as described. Offers apply to qualified retail customers in the Ontario Chevrolet Dealer Marketing Association area only (including Outaouais). Dealers are free to set individual prices. Quantities limited; dealer order or trade may be required. Limited time offers which may not be combined with other offers. GMCL may modify, extend or terminate offers, in whole or in part, at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. 9Government 5-Star Safety Ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) New Car Assessment Program (www.safercar.gov). †Available on select Apple, Android, BlackBerry and Windows devices. Services vary by device, vehicle and conditions. Requires active OnStar service plan. Visit onstar.ca for coverage map, details and system limitations. After complimentary trial period, an active OnStar service plan is required. AEP estimated. ♦Comparison based on 2013 Polk segmentation: Compact SUV and latest competitive data available and based on the maximum legroom available. Excludes other GM brands. ††2015 Cruze LTZ, MSRP with freight, PDI & levies: \$28,639. 2015 Silverado 1500 Double Cab 2LT 4x4, MSRP with freight, PDI & levies: \$51,139. 2015 Equinox 1LT, MSRP with freight, PDI & levies: \$39,164. Dealers are free to set individual prices. **The 2-Year Scheduled Lube-Oil-Filter Maintenance Program provides eligible customers in Canada, who have purchased, leased or financed a new eligible 2014MY Chevrolet, Buick or GMC vehicle (excluding Spark EV), with an ACDelco oil and filter change, in accordance with the oil life monitoring system and the Owner's Manual, for 2 years or 40,000 km, whichever occurs first, with a limit of four (4) Lube-Oil-Filter services in total, performed at participating GM Dealers. Fluid top-offs, inspections, tire rotations, wheel alignments and balancing, etc. are not covered. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives available on GM vehicles. General Motors of Canada Limited reserves the right to amend or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. ***Offer applies to eligible current owners or lessees of any model year 1999 or newer car that has been registered and insured in Canada in the customer's name for the previous consecutive six (6) months. Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive) and credit value depends on model purchased: \$750 credit available on all eligible Chevrolet, Buick and GMC vehicles; \$1,000 credit available on all Cadillac vehicles (except 2015MY Cadillac Escalade). Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). As part of the transaction, dealer may request documentation and contact General Motors of Canada Limited (GMCL) to verify eligibility. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. Certain limitations or conditions apply. Void where prohibited. See your GMCL dealer for details. GMCL reserves the right to amend or terminate offers for any reason, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. ****Offer applies to eligible current owners or lessees of any Pontiac/Saturn/SAAB/Hummer/Oldsmobile model year 1999 or newer car or Chevrolet Cobalt or HHR that has been registered and insured in Canada in the customer's name for the previous consecutive six (6) months. Credit valid towards the retail purchase or lease of one eligible 2013, 2014, 2015 model year Chevrolet/Buick/GMC/Cadillac car, SUV, crossover and pickup models delivered in Canada between December 2, 2014 – January 2, 2015, (except 2015MY Cadillac Escalade). Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive) and credit value depends on model purchased: \$1,500 credit available on all eligible Chevrolet, Buick and GMC vehicles; \$2,000 credit available on all Cadillac vehicles (except 2015MY Cadillac Escalade). Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). As part of the transaction, dealer may request documentation and contact General Motors of Canada Limited (GMCL) to verify eligibility. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. Certain limitations or conditions apply. Void where prohibited. See your GMCL dealer for details. GMCL reserves the right to amend or terminate offers for any reason, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. **Offer valid to eligible retail lessees in Canada who have obtained credit approval by and entered into a lease agreement with GM Financial, and who accept delivery from December 2, 2014 through January 2, 2015 of any new or demonstrator 2015 model year Chevrolet, City Express excluded at outset of program; will be eligible once residuals become available. General Motors of Canada will pay one month's lease payment or two bi-weekly lease payments as defined on the lease agreement (inclusive of taxes). After the first month, lessee will be required to make all remaining scheduled payments over the remaining term of the lease agreement. PPSA/RDPRM is not due. Consumer may be required to pay Dealer Fees. Insurance, licence and applicable taxes not included. Additional conditions and limitations apply. GM reserves the right to modify or terminate this offer at any time without prior notice. See dealer for details.



Farrell launches Lonely Lake at cultural centre

Rachel Gillooly, left, has her copy of *Lonely Lake: A Cottage Country Mystery* signed by its author George Farrell of Gelert at the novel's launch on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. The book, which was written four years ago over three months (and much more time for revisions and re-writes), is available locally at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden and the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. **Darren Lum Staff**

RIDE checks result in charges

During the week of Dec. 1 to Dec. 7, members from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Central Region Traffic Unit conducted 28 R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) at various locations within Haliburton County.

Charges and Suspensions

- Two Approved Screening Device Tests (Drivers who consumed alcohol but breath samples were less than 50mgs)
- Two Three-Day Administrative Driver's Licence Suspensions

Officers want to remind drivers that any amount of alcohol can impair one's ability to drive and that the OPP can issue an immediate roadside driver's licence suspension to drivers who register a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the "Warn Range" of .05 to .08.

On Dec. 7, the OPP established a RIDE check program on Gelert Road in Minden Hills Township that resulted in one male driver being charged.

When the vehicle entered the RIDE program an officer determined that the driver was not wearing his seatbelt. As a result of the investigation a 52-year-old man of Eldon Township was charged with the following:

- Fail to properly wear seatbelt- section 106(2) of the Highway Traffic Act
- Driving while disqualified- section 259(4) of the Criminal Code of Canada

He is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Jan. 7 to answer to the charges.

On Dec. 8, members of the OPP established a RIDE check program at the intersection of Highway 118 and County Road 35 in Minden Hills Township that resulted in one male driver being charged.

When the vehicle entered the RIDE program an officer observed expired licence plates. A check on the male driver indicated he was in breach of conditions imposed from previous incidents. As a result of the investigation, a 50-year-old man from Peterborough County was charged with the following:

- Driving while under suspension
- Driving while disqualified
- Fail to Comply with Probation Order
- Fail to Comply with Recognizance

He was held for a bail hearing Dec. 9 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP officers are in full force during the Festive RIDE. campaign running from Nov. 24 until Jan. 2 that RIDE stops can be conducted at anytime and anywhere in Haliburton County.



Algonquin

INSPECTION

Algonquin Park Forest 2010–2020 Forest Management Plan Inspection of Approved Planned Operations for Phase II 2015–2020

Ontario Parks (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - MNRF), the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) and the Algonquin Park Local Citizens Committee (LCC), are advising you that the Planned Operations for the second five-year term 2015–2020 of the 2010–2020 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Algonquin Park Forest have been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and are available for inspection.

The MNRF-approved Planned Operations for the second five-year term will be available for inspection for 30 days. During the 30-day inspection period, there is an opportunity to make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for an individual environmental assessment of specific forest management activities in the Planned Operations for the second five-year term.

The MNRF-approved planned operations for the second five-year term and planned operations summary are available for inspection during normal office hours by appointment for 30 days from **December 10, 2014 to January 12, 2015** at the following locations:

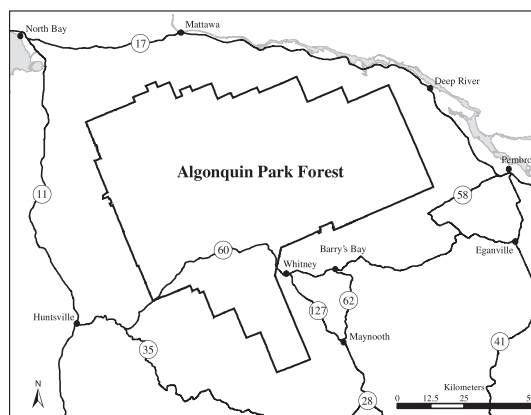
- AFA office, 222 Main Street West, Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y1 (Gordon Cumming, Plan Author, 705-789-9647 ext. 30)
- MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans
- The Ontario Government Information Centre in Toronto and ServiceOntario locations in Huntsville, Pembroke, Bancroft, Bracebridge and Minden provide Internet access.

For further information, please contact:

Joe Yaraskavitch
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
31 Riverside Drive
Pembroke, Ontario
tel: 613-732-5550
e-mail: joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca

Gordon Cumming
Algonquin Forestry Authority
222 Main Street West
Huntsville, Ontario
tel: 705-789-9647 ext. 30
e-mail: gord.cumming@algonquinforestry.on.ca

Tom Ballantine
Algonquin Park LCC
Haliburton, Ontario
tel: 705-447-3253



The approved planned operations will be available for public viewing for the five-year period at the same locations listed above.

This is the third and final opportunity to influence operations for the second five-year term.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Elizabeth McRae at 613-637-2780 ext. 201.

Renseignements en français : David LeGros 613 637-2828

Have something
to say?

Email your
letter to the Editor
to
jenn@haliburtonpress.com



DECEMBER 15 – 19 IS DON POPPLE WEEK!

**CURRY CHEVROLET IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THE PAST PRESIDENT'S
RETIREMENT SALE**

That's right, after **40** years
Mr. Popple - the "Penetang Flash"
is hangin' them up and we're
celebrating with the lowest
prices of the season
ALL MONTH LONG!!

IT'S BIG.

Huge Cash Discounts with
0%/84 Month Purchase
Finance Rates on all **2014 Models!***



DROP IN 9:00 UNTIL NOON ALL WEEK FOR TASTY TREATS & BEST WISHES FOR DON!
RECEIVE POT OF GOLD CHOCOLATES WITH THIS COUPON!!
While quantities last



Best Wishes
DON POPPLE

**Ask about
holiday cash!**
Save up to \$1,500
some restrictions apply,
see us for details

www.currychevrolet.ca
Phone: 705-457-2100
Toll Free: 1-877-255-8143
5065 County Road 21, Haliburton

CURRY
Chevrolet • Buick • GMC



* HST AND LICENSE EXTRA. Discounts vary by vehicle and model. Applies to In-stock vehicles only. LIMITED TIME OFFER SEE DEALER
FOR DETAILS OR VISIT WWW.GM.CA FOR ALL THE DETAILS. FINANCING O.A.C.



The Lochlin ladies sang rendition of *O Christmas Tree* - from the perspective of a housecat - during the annual Christmas in Carnarvon celebration at Zion United Church on Dec. 3. The event, a variety show featuring music, poetry and comedy, brings together women from churches throughout Haliburton County.



Left, tea and cookies are part of the evening as groups of women take turns performing for the crowd.

Right and below, the ladies from Ingoldsby Church try to hold it together as they perform a humorous skit about snow.

Christmas in Carnarvon

Photos by Chad Ingram



The Stanhope Firefighters association is once again inviting all Algonquin Highland children to meet Santa at this years Childrens Christmas party.

All Algonquin Highland kids are invited up to age 12. Snacks will be provided.

Games, Live entertainment and receive a gift from Santa Claus himself!!!

This year's Party is Saturday December 13th. Registration begins at 11am. The Fun begins at noon.

NORTH POLE



Ultimate Christmas Store!

The S. Claus Collection

MAIN STREET MINDEN

- 25% off Custom Made Faux Wreaths
- 25% off Great Stockings
- 25% off Garland & Swags
- Tree and Tabletop Decor
- Gifts

100 Main Street Minden • Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Saturday
Sunday By Chance or By Appointment • 705-286-3022



Fufilling luncheon

Top, Brenda Bain of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Community Support Services, left, greets Gord Arthur (with wife Joan, married for 37 years, at back) of Haliburton at the start of the annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Minden Royal Canadian Legion. Left, HHHS Community Support Services director Maureen Ruttig smiles before addressing the close to 60 diners. Top left, Uptown Country's Charlie Hadley, left, on bass plays with Elgin MacDuff on guitar.

The luncheon included Christmas carols, good company, and good food such as a turkey dinner, mashed potatoes with gravy and dessert.

Darren Lum Staff

Fleury family celebrates 400 year history

Dale Fleury

Special to the *Times*

When a Fleury says "I'm Canadian!", they really mean it! Not many Canadians can trace their ancestry in Canada back as far as 400 years, but the Fleury family can. And now there are nine books to prove it!

The Fleury Family Board announced in November that the Fleury family will celebrate 400 years of family history in Canada as of 2015.

In recognition of this milestone, Calgarian C. Dale Fleury recently compiled nine comprehensive our fleury ancestry books chronicling the lives of Fleury families in Canada from 1615 to 2015. More than 50 years of dedicated research has gone into the books, beginning long before genealogical information became available online.

About the books

The Fleury Family story begins with the arrival of Simon Thomas de Fleury in early New France. It then concentrates on the descendants of Joseph Fleury Senior and his wife Mary (Sipes) Fleury in Ontario and western Canada, from the 1800's to the present.

Dale Fleury commented, "The introduction book provides a foundation for descendants of the first five generations of Fleury families in Canada and is a must for all other collections. Together the nine books include over 5,000 Fleury-related individuals, although I'm sorry to report that as far as we know (hockey player) Theoren Fleury is not a descendant of Simon Thomas!"

How to order

All books are available exclusively through Parker Pad & Printing of Markham/Haliburton, ON. Visit www.fleury-ancestry.com for order details and book indexes to help readers determine whether one of the books includes their immediate family. Orders received by Dec. 10 will be shipped in time for Christmas.

Contact

Dale Fleury is available for interviews and appearances. For more information, please contact:
Western Canada, Yukon, NWT and USA:
Dale Fleury

109 Scanlon Hill NW
Calgary, AB
T3L 1L2
dalefleury@shaw.ca
408-208-5105

Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes:
Bruce Fleury
2081 Galway Road
Kinmount, ON
K0M 2A0
brucefleury1@hotmail.com
705-488-2938
www.fleuryancestry.com

*Everyone in the Minden area
is invited to any one of our
Family Christmas Specials*

*Sunday Dec 14th @ 10:30
~ Concert and Carol Sing*

*Sunday Dec 21st @ 10:30
~ Carol Sing and Christmas Story*

*Wednesday,
Family Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service @ 5:30 ~ 6:30 pm*

*Sunday December 28th @ 10:30
~ Coffee with God*



*Come and Enjoy Carol Sing by Candlelight
Hear the Christmas Story Come Alive
Could be the highlight of your Christmas*

*Minden Bible Church
177 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden ON 705-286-1338*



Blue Christmas Service

A time of reflection and Meditation in the
busy- ness of the Christmas season.

Minden United Church

21 Newcastle Street

Wednesday December 17th at 7:00 pm



This service provides an opportunity to be
still, a time of calm, a time to remember
those we mourn and miss this season.



**Abbey
GARDENS**
Local Food: Grow, Learn, Shop.

**LOCAL FOOD
& GIFTS!**



**Open Until
December 20th**
**Friday, Saturday
& Sunday • 12-6 pm**

(705) 754-4769 (GROW) • www.abbeygardens.ca
1012 Garden Gate Drive
Just off of Hwy 118 between Carnarvon & West Guilford



Highlands summer festival 2015 *Live Theatre*

Make it a Dramatic Christmas

Scot Denton, Artistic Producer

what's on
STAGE
THIS SUMMER?

Lend Me A Tenor *by Ken Ludwig*

We begin the season with quite possibly the funniest play written in the past 30 years. Set in the 1930s, *Lend Me A Tenor* is a madcap screwball comedy. Tito Merelli, the fiery-tempered and world famous Italian superstar, arrives in Cleveland, Ohio to make his debut with the local opera and promptly goes missing. As Saunders, the show's presenter, conspires to cover for Tito's absence, placate his hot-blooded wife, and distract his most passionate fans, chaos on a truly operatic level ensues. There is lots of slamming doors and characters in their underwear, so you know it will be an uproarious evening.

JUNE 29 - JULY 3 | JULY 6-9 @ 8pm



Season Pass SALE

Enjoy a Great Summer of
Drama, Comedy & Opera

Highlands Summer Festival Season Pass

All 5 Shows

Only \$150.

Single ticket prices \$34. each
After January 15, 2015

HighlandsSummerFestival.on.ca

Highlands Opera Studio Season Pass

Only \$90.

Includes: Le Nozze di Figaro, our Opera
Double Bill, and one Concert

Single ticket prices

Classes \$15 | Concerts \$32.⁵⁰ |

Operas \$37.⁵⁰ | Gala \$50

After Friday, January 16th, 2015

HighlandsOperaStudio.com

Call the box office

705.457.9933

or Toll Free 855.457.9933

All performances take place at the
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion (NLPAP)
in Haliburton, unless otherwise noted.



One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest *by Dale Wasserman*

Randle McMurphy is the newest patient at a mental facility. We quickly learn McMurphy isn't actually crazy, but a charming, funny rebel who pretends to be insane in order to serve out his prison sentence at the asylum instead of hard labour at a work farm. When he meets the cold and controlling Nurse Ratched, whom he immediately clashes with, he quickly learns his plan was a mistake. His outrageous actions change the conditions for the better, until he faces the ultimate showdown with Ratched in a heartbreaking ending that is both powerful and uplifting. A hilarious and poignant play. JULY 13-17, 22-24 @ 8pm



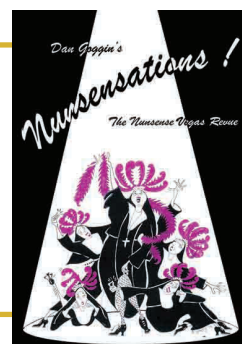
Wingfield Lost And Found *by Dan Needles, starring Rod Beattie | Directed by Douglas Beattie*

In the midst of a record drought, wells on the Seventh Line are drying up. A search to locate a new well on Wingfield Farm ensues, but distractions abound: a high-tech cattle drive, a battle with yellow jackets, a feud with a red-tailed hawk, an eccentric line-up of water witches and a well driller who is only too happy to perforate the ground at forty dollars a foot. More than an environmental comedy, *Wingfield Lost and Found* is a whimsical reminder that searching can turn up more than what is lost and teach us the value of more than what is found. JULY 19-21 @ 8pm

Nunsensations! *by Dan Goggin*

The Nunsense Vegas Revue takes the Little Sisters of Hoboken on a brand new adventure. When a parishioner volunteers to donate \$10,000 to the sisters' school if they will perform in a club in Las Vegas, Mother Superior is hesitant to accept. However, after being convinced by the other sisters that 'what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas', Reverend Mother agrees. What follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nunsense show ever. 'Nunsensations!' is a whole lot funny and a little bit naughty, but there ain't nothin' dirty goin' on!

JULY 27-3 | AUGUST 5-7 @ 8pm



Ralph + Lina *by Michele Smith, Dan Watson & Christina Serra*

Ralph + Lina is a rough and tumble romance which follows the struggles of two Italian lovers in the face of war, immigration and old age. In the vein of early Fellini, this award-winning creative team of Michele Smith and real life husband and wife Dan Watson and Christina Serra, dives into their family history to explore love, dedication and courage in a passionate, acrobatic comedy that reinvents the modern melodrama. Ralph and Lina's happiness is hard won and true.

AUGUST 2 @ 2:30pm | AUGUST 3-4 @ 8pm

Join Us for Our Fantastic 2015 OPERA SEASON

HIGHLANDS OPERA STUDIO

Valerie Kuinka Richard Margison
General Director Artistic Director

Join us for our 9th season of quality opera including the best young operatic voices from across Canada and the top level productions you've become accustomed to with the Highlands Opera Studio. Be sure to purchase your tickets now for these exciting performances and events!

MASTERCLASSES | RICHARD MARGISON

JULY 30, 31 & AUGUST 1 @ 7pm | St George's Anglican Church | Haliburton

CONCERTS

THE ART OF SONG

Song repertoire from around the world & through the ages
AUGUST 4 @ 8pm | St George's Anglican Church | Haliburton

FROM OPERA TO BROADWAY

AUGUST 11 @ 8pm | St George's Anglican Church | Haliburton

MORE OPERA TO BROADWAY

AUGUST 13 @ 8pm | Minden United Church | Minden

CELEBRATIONS!

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Sound of Music, along with other selections from film & stage AUGUST 17 @ 8pm | St George's Anglican Church | Haliburton

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO PURCHASE HIGHLANDS OPERA STUDIO SEASON PASS VISIT:

HighlandsOperaStudio.com

FUNDRAISER

GALA IN THE GARDENS

Popular arias and ensembles from the Operatic repertoire with orchestral accompaniment
AUGUST 8 @ 7:30pm | INCLUDES PRE-PERFORMANCE RECEPTION @ 6pm | Abbey Gardens | Haliburton

OPERA DOUBLE-BILL

THE VINEDRESSERS & ANOTHER SHORT OPERA TBA

New Canadian Opera by Tobin Stokes | AUGUST 19 & 21 @ 8pm

MAIN PRODUCTION

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO

The Marriage of Figaro – an opera classic by Mozart
AUGUST 30 @ 2pm & SEPTEMBER 1, 2 & 3 @ 7:30pm

Toll Free 855.457.9933

705.457.9933

HighlandsSummerFestival.on.ca

Red Hawks look to rebound after loss

Far left, Red Hawks guard Matt O'Reilly drives past an I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats defender during the 32-21 loss last Wednesday at home.

Left, Hunter Bishop drives to the bucket

The Hawks drop to 1-2 while the Wildcats improve to 2-1. Hunter Smith led all Hawks scorers with five points. Records are accurate as of Friday, Dec. 5.

Darren Lum Staff



Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Last Wednesday was a day of war. It's not usually how a high school basketball game plays out, but it's an appropriate description of what transpired between the senior boys' Red Hawks basketball team and the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats.

Hawks coach Dave Waito didn't quite share the same hyperbole sentiment, simply calling the game a "grind."

"You don't see senior games 12-10 at the half," he said. No doubt about the physical toll for both teams after the game, as players put it all out there, with nary an uncontested shot or drive, jostling for position down low, swinging the ball from side to side, stutter-stepping and juking at full speed in and out of the key, and sprinting the length of the floor.

When it came right down to it though the main factor in the 32-21 loss was poor free-throw shooting, particularly down the stretch, Waito said.

"We shot 34 per cent from the line [for the game]. There were lots of opportunities to put them up there so we got to work on that and make sure we're taking care of the things we can control," he said.

The Hawks could only shoot 21 per cent (three of 14 attempts) compared to the Wildcats' 80 per cent (eight of 10 attempts) from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter. This statistic alone equates to five points, which could have changed the entire make up of the last frame.

When the offence isn't there, Waito said, that's when the defence needs to carry the team.

"We're going to have these grinds some nights and some times, you know, if we're having trouble putting points on the board we just have to step up on the defensive end," he said.

Fresh from a win against the Brock Bulldogs of Cannington, the Hawks started well against the Wildcats, who entered play with a loss to the Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School.

It was 6-3 for the Hawks with 2:16 left in the first.

The Wildcats coach called a time out and it seemed to calm her team that was starting to get frustrated, taking bad fouls against the Hawks. They tied it up minutes later 6-6.

Both teams didn't allow easy looks or allow for many open lanes.

Early in the second the Hawks regained their lead 8-6, but the Wildcats tied it up again seconds later.

With a little more than two minutes left in the second quarter, the Hawks couldn't box out on the defensive end, leaving the Wildcats with repeated attempts at the bucket, scoring on the third to give the squad from Lindsay their first lead 10-8, which they wouldn't relinquish.

Only down by a bucket at the half, the Hawks committed

three consecutive fouls, leading to six free-throw attempts for the Wildcats, who could only score on two of them.

The free throw line (albeit not very successful for the Wildcats) attempts seemed to disrupt the flow of the game for the Hawks.

Despite Haliburton showing glimmer of life with better ball movement and strong offensive drives the deficit grew to six (18-12).

Seconds left in the third quarter, a full out sprint and layup to score from Hawks guard Angus Sullivan not only narrowed the deficit to four (20-16), but reignited the crowd.

The renewed energy wasn't enough.

The Wildcats pulled away and finished the game with a 12-5 run, playing tough until the buzzer.

For the second half the Wildcats didn't give anything away, fouling and using zone coverage. To counteract the coverage, the Hawks swung the ball around. Waito expects to see this type of defence again.

The Hawks switched things up on the defensive end, employing a press for the first time.

"I think it was effective. It was the first time we showed that. Got a couple of steals, caused a couple of turnovers and I think that's something that we're going to look to for sure to get some points on the board and to keep [opposition] off," he said.

Waito continues to tell his team about the three main ingredients to success: turnovers, rebounds and attacking the inside.

With 23 turnovers, Waito said, the team will continue to reduce that number.

The team continues to drive inside for points and the

rebound game was better than the last game against the Brock Bulldogs.

The Hawks (1-2) can look forward to rematch in the New Year, he said.

"It's a good match up. It should be close games every time we see them," he said.

They will play the Wildcats (2-1) again in league play and possibly at a tournament, Waito adds.

The Hawks forward Hunter Smith and guard Angus Sullivan led the team with five points while post player Nick Thompson added four points.

The Wildcats player Theo Keypers led all players with 10 points.

The team will host Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons today.

Notice



**Township of Algonquin
Highlands**
requires a
**Stanhope Heritage Day
Event Coordinator**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands welcomes applications for a temporary contract position for a Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator.

Working with the Stanhope Museum Committee, the Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator will use new and existing resources to organize, coordinate and promote the 12th Annual Stanhope Heritage Day to be held on **Saturday, July 18, 2015**.

The preferred candidate should possess the following qualifications:

- Excellent interpersonal, project management, organizational and communication skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and email.
- Knowledge of, and connections to, the local craft and artisan community.
- Basic understanding of event promotion, advertising and social media.

Contract Value: \$3,000.00 (under review)

We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015** to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
705-489-2379 Ext. 222
Email – abird@algonquinhighlands.ca



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the 2015 budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, the January 14, 2015 Committee meetings and the January 28, 2015 Council meeting. Budget discussions will also include a review and approval of changes to the County Tariff of Fees for 2015. The meetings start at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden.

Skaters show well

The Minden Skating Club was represented well at the Keswick Skating Competition on Nov. 14 to 16 by Madison Allaire, who was third in Starskate 4 Freeskate, left; Jordyn Greer, who was third in Starskate and earned silver in Starskate 4 Elements; River Christiano, who was ninth in Bronze Interpretative, bronze in Starskate 3 Freeskate, bronze in Starskate 3 Elements; Alexius Mills, who earned silver in Starskate 2 Freeskate, and Ava Allaire, who earned a silver in Starskate 2 Freeskate.

Photo submitted by Minden Skating Club



ParaMed
get better

Currently Hiring PSW's!!

For Haliburton, Cardiff, Minden, Dorset, Bobcaygeon & surrounding areas!

Best Practice Based! Holistic Approach! Flexible Hours!

Apply Today!!

Online@ www.homecarejobs.ca



Honours Diploma in Equine Management
Advanced Farrier Science Diploma,
Olds College

NASH
Farrier Services

Elli Nash
705 935 0724



Bernt Fiebiger DD

Caygeon Denture Clinic

Season's Greetings

Due to unforeseen circumstances we at Caygeon Denture Clinic are unable to offer denture services in the New Year from 158 Bobcaygeon Road, Dentistry in the Highlands.

Any future appointments will need to be at 103 Main Street, in Bobcaygeon. Please call Donna for more information and see if you qualify for our 'Distance Credit'. We apologize for any inconvenience this presents.

We at Caygeon Denture Clinic sincerely value and appreciate your patronage and look forward to serving you in the future.

103 Main Street Bobcaygeon, ON K0M 1A0

Phone: (705) 738-5177
Toll Free: (888) 322-3032



Highland Storm hockey

Peewee AE hosts Silverstick in Minden

Sponsored by the Peppermill Steakhouse and Restaurant, located just south of Carnarvon on Hwy 35, the Highland Storm Peewee AE hosted the annual Silverstick Tournament in Minden this past weekend. Unfortunately, the squad had a tough go and failed to get a win in the three games they played but all of the kids kept their heads held high and displayed great sportsmanship when faced with this disappointing adversity.

You've got to hand it to this team for continuing to show up and play hard game in and game out, despite the losses.

There were some bright spots; Jaylin Frost continued to develop her defensive skills, learning a difficult position very quickly and showing that she has the qualities to develop into a solid defensive presence. "Shake and Bake" Jake Sisson was the star of the tournament for the Storm, scoring two goals over the three games and goalie Nate Misco showed that he can flash the leather with the best of them.

Thanks go to all of the parents who volunteered their time to make this a fantastically well-run tournament, team manager, Jenni Sisson for keeping everything organized and Bill Newhook for being the tournament convenor.

The coaching staff of James Baldry, Jeff Martin, Jamie Walker and yours truly, appreciates the patience and support our parents continue to display week after week. The season may not be what everyone had hoped for as far as wins and losses are concerned, but the lessons learned by these great kids may end up being much more valuable in the end.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Bantam A stays strong

The Storm took the Bracebridge Bears 6-4 in Haliburton last Friday. Although missing a few key players, the Storm held strong. Hats off to captain Cooper in this game. First one came when the Storm manoeuvred into the Bracebridge zone, a pass from Lucas Haedicke to Cooper and he found the open corner. Next was during a

power play, passes from O'Neill to Lucas Haedicke onto the stick of Cooper and he snapped it in, ending the first period 2-0.

Next goal came halfway through the second from a high slap-shot by Jacob Haedicke that stunned the goalie, assisted by Cooper and Lucas Haedicke. The Storm continued to pressure the Bears. O'Neill closed in and passed it to Manning, his sharp eye found Cooper open and ready to complete his hat-trick, ending the second 4-1.

Early in the third, Manning was in the right place to capture a rebound goal that came from a shot by Jacob Haedicke. Then Patterson-Smith did his magic, deked through and snapped it in. The Bears turned it up a notch late in the third and surprised the Storm with some goals, closing the gap but it wasn't enough, it ended, 6-4 for the Storm.

It was a nice 2-0 shutout win for the Storm against the Oro Thunder on Saturday. An entertaining game with lots of back and forth action. Scoring began with a surprise gift goal, a shot by Cooper from centre deflected in.

Late in the second, Patterson-Smith push passed their defence and found the opening. Awesome game to all the boys, special mention to Bellefleur who earned the shutout.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Girls win over Lynx 5-0

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls hosted the Lindsay Lynx on Sunday, Dec. 7 in an afternoon contest to secure first place in their eastern loop. The Storm girls were short-staffed for their 14th game (two-thirds of the way through their season) as they took on the young Lynx squad. Alicia McLean opened the scoring (the first of two – and eventual game winner) with a bank shot from behind the net off the Lindsay tender midway through the first period.

The Storm added three more tallies in the second period with goals by McLean, Kelsey Maracle and Maddie Allore – who also chipped in with a hat-trick of helpers. Erin Little rounded out the scoring in the third period with a nice wrister in the 5-0 win. Connor Marsden earned her fifth shutout of the season securing first place for the Storm squad. Great team effort, girls!

Keep the focus, girls, as we head into the winter break with a road game to Ennismore next week and then to Peterborough in the New Year on Saturday night, Jan. 3 to take on the second place Ice Kats for a battle to maintain first place bragging rights. Next home is Sunday, Jan. 4 at 1:30 in Haliburton hosting the fourth place Keene Wolverines.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Looking for a Family Doctor?

An invitation to residents of Haliburton County and surrounding area, to come to our clinic at 7217 Gelert Road, 1st Floor family health team suite, and sign up with one of five physicians taking new patients. Residents who have been on the wait list are also invited to attend and sign up!

WHAT: Please bring your valid Ontario Health Card

WHERE: 7217 Gelert Road, Haliburton, ON 1st Floor in the Family Health Team Suite

WHEN: Starting the week of December 1, 2014, Monday to Friday 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm

WHO: All residents without a local primary healthcare provider (parents or guardians may sign for children under the age of 16, but we still need their Health Card information. Children 16 and over must sign themselves)

If you have any questions, please call Kim Robinson at 705-457-1212, extension 368.

We look forward to seeing you!

The injustices of barbecue bacon chips

Patti Fleury
Around the Town

705-488-2938
brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Here at the old farmhouse during 10-year-old grandson Ben's recent visit he was heard to exclaim "grandma come quickly this is absolutely disgusting." Although Ben is pretty country savvy fearing the worst such as a dead mouse or other treasure left by a cat who overshot the litter box I rounded the dining room corner to find him staring into a freshly opened bag of potato chips. Dad Graeme had bought these for him in his favourite flavour barbecue and bacon en route and while the bag felt full it proved to be half chips and the other half empty air. Listening to him passionately addressing the wrongs of such false marketing

I mentally added to his future resume. Along with hockey star centre for the Maple Leafs in the NHL and celebrity member of the brass section on trumpet for the Toronto Symphony now comes the new future role of consumer advocate with him taking up the challenges still left unresolved by the American watchdog Ralph Nader.

My first goal of hockey stardom is a little in jeopardy with a difficult season to date however at the first game in this past weekend's tournament Ben's team was victorious over the North Bay squad rated fourth in its division across the province. He is one great kid.

Congratulations to seven-year-old Austin Hill of Kinmount winner of the Rudolph story book gift set donated by Nancy Caney at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace during the Christmas in the Village celebrations. The Marketplace will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through December beginning this Friday, Dec. 12 except on Christmas and Boxing Day when it will remain closed. Drop by and choose

from a variety of local visual art, handcrafts, books, Kinmount souvenir items, collectibles and much more. I apologize for an error in last week's column with regard to the carol singing service hosted by the members of St. James Anglican Church and Kinmount United Church. That Service will actually be this Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in Kinmount United Church located up on the hill at 15 Cluxton Street. Everyone is most welcome to join the chorus.

The Legion's Ladies Auxiliary Branch 441 will host a Benefit Dinner and Loonie Auction in support of L.A. member and town resident Mary Downer whose family home was severely damaged by fire. The event will be held this Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Kinmount Legion. Tickets are \$15/person and available by calling 705-488-1309. Also at the Legion it's Christmas bingo on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6:45 p.m. with great prizes including turkeys, hams and a Must Go \$500 jackpot.

Plan to ring in the New Year at the branch's New Year's Eve potluck party on Dec. 31 starting at 7 p.m. Activities will include music, dancing, shuffleboard, darts and cards. Admission is free and non-members are most welcome to attend. The Kinmount and District Lions Club along with selling chocolate covered almonds has its Angel Trees and hampers set up around town ready to receive your welcome donations of an unwrapped, new toy and/or non-perishable food items up until Dec. 17. Look for the Trees at the Health Centre, the Post Office, Gateway General Store and Cafe, Kinmount Pharmacy, Kawartha Credit Union, the Legion Branch 441 and Shop N'Save.

The quarterly meeting of the Friends of Galway (FOG) will be held on Friday, Dec. 19 at the Galway Hall. It will open with a potluck supper at 5 p.m. followed by a round table discussion on the topic of "memories of Christmas past." Everyone is welcome to share their stories or listen in to the oral history of the Galway area.

Until next week keep busy and well, they go together...



Century 21 gives to food banks

The Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc. realtors Denise LeBlanc, left, Kelsey Johnston (administrative), Ed Gibbons, David Lee, Tom Ecclestone and Melanie Vigrass with owners Anne and Andrew Hodgson presented a \$500 cheque to the Minden Food Bank's Barb Walford-Davis. This money was a collection from the realtors and will be matched in Haliburton where \$500 will be donated to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. **Darren Lum** Staff

Home & Cottage Services

WE HAVE INSURANCE TO LIFT YOUR BUILDING

G. Rowden Building
Specializing in

- Cottage Lifting • Basements
- Perimeter Walls • Concrete Slabs

(705) 457-2168



County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

December 2 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Ross Davies 5,120, Nancy Kursbatt 4,310, Ross Fletcher 3,810 and Carol Bowker 3,690 with Pearl Foster awarded the Lucky Loonie.

December 2 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Leading at 5,340 was Bob Penfold followed by Bill Obee 5,250 and Wally Reid 4,870 with Bob and Bill teaming up for a Small Slam. Convenor Nancy Ballantyne reminds that play will continue through December 16th then a holiday break until January 6, 2015.

December 2 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place were Lyn Preston and Pam Pappas 332 then Bev Alexander and Sandy Poulton 326. Our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with John Fortune captured third spot at 278 while Mary Trumbull and Merv Elstone posted the afternoon's low score.

December 2 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading for the ladies were Theresa Deak 262, Georgina Parkes 227, Jim Corbett 219 and Vi Howell 210. First for the gents at 263 was Bruce Medcalf followed by Albert Foster 216, Garth Windsor 190 and Archie Ross 188. Tom Grix was the major draw winner with Bruce Medcalf [2] and Ron Morrison claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that Kevin Maloney took the afternoon's single moonshot.

December 2 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that lone hand honours went to Bryan Neville with Donna Darby high lady and Gene Newell low. For the gents Bruce Shephard topped the charts with Bob Harrison low man and Gala Newell the draw winner.

December 3 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Diana Spicer and Muriel McIntosh led at 64 percent then Kathie Porter and Diane James 59 percent and in third Liv Andersen partnered with Carol Bowker 53 percent.

December 4 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 300, Betty Wagar 250, Dorothy McElwain 239 and Vi Howell 223. First for the gents at 274 was Dwaine Lloyd with Tom Grix and Albert Foster tied for second spot at 238. Third place finisher was Ron Morrison 227 with Archie Ross 226 a close fourth while Pat Roussel won for

call 1, Betty Wagar held the hidden score and Doug McIntosh took the card draw. Bev Johnson also reports that Bruce Medcalf, Dwaine Lloyd, Gala Newell and Karin Harrison had single moonshots with Dorothy McElwain doubling.

December 4 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand holders were Kaye Bull and Jim Bradbury with Elaine Smith and Harold Harvie posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Theresa Deak and Doug O'Dell while Elaine Smith [2], Tom Grix, Theresa Deak and Kaye Bull took home the other prizes. This news comes from our reporter May Bradbury.

December 5 contract bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Joan Davies and Kathie Porter were first at 61 percent then Peter O'Connor and our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 58 percent.

December 5 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Doreen Francis, for lone hands Pat Bailey, for low hands Judy Reddy and for the special prize Jean Randell. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this news.

December 6 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Jean Randell 263, Karen Chapman 252, Barb Callaghan 237 and Theresa Deak 232. First for the gents at 334 was Ron Morrison followed by Jason Peacock 324, our reporter Albert Foster 272 and Ida Young 223. Bev Johnson won the major special prize with Albert Foster, Ida Young and Jason Peacock claiming the smaller rewards. In the moonshot column Bev Johnson, Karen Chapman and Ida Young had singles with Jason Peacock taking two.

December 8 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hand honours went to Margaret Fletcher and Kay Godden with Yvonne Arbuthnot and Lil Mann posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Gail Nicholson with Lil Mann also winning the special prize. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this update.

December 8 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Joan Riel won for high hands and Margaret Fletcher on a cut of the cards for lone hands. There was a tie for low hands between Murray Daniels and Lil Mann with Lil also claiming the special prize.

MYERS CHIMNEY
A Division of 2277341 ONTARIO INC.

- Sweeping
- Installation
- Repair
- WETT Inspection
- Stove Glass Replacement
- Wood & Pellet Stove Sales & Service
- Wood Fired Cedar Hot Tubs

705-286-1245
www.myerschimney.com

Blaze King

D&K Masonry
CONCRETE SLABS | BLOCK & ICF FOUNDATIONS | FOOTINGS

DEREK ROWDEN
OWNER

• dandkmasonry@msn.com •

FREE ESTIMATES **QUALITY WORKMANSHIP** **FULLY INSURED**

Phone: 705-754-0466 • Fax: 705-754-0566

Your friendly lumber and hardware dealer

castle building centre **EMMERSON LUMBER LTD.**

phone **705-457-1550** fax **705-457-1520**

63 Maple Ave. Haliburton

email: information@emmersonlumber.com
www.emmersonlumber.com

Toy drive collected mountain of gifts

Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

705-766-0076
malfano@hotmail.ca

From Barb Townes: "We'd like to express our appreciation to people in the Dorset area who contributed with food, toys and financially to the annual Food and Toy Drive for the Salvation Army. Well over a ton of items were collected by Santa and his Elves.

"Thirty-two volunteers drove, collected, sorted and packed from Lions Camp Dorset.

"Thank you once again Dorset for coming through to help out the less fortunate. If you were unfortunately missed, or you forgot, there will be a buggy in Robinson's General Store for another eight or nine days.

"Merry Christmas to you and yours from the Dorset Community Project Group, Dorset Lions and Friends."

Dorset's own potter, Tara Gilchrist of Chetolah Pottery Studio will be participating in the Made In Muskoka Christmas sale taking place this Friday 12 to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sutherland Hall, 30 High Street, Huntsville.

On Saturday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. Knox United Church is hosting a Pie Sale and Tea.

Come for a slice of pie, coffee or tea or juice and stock up for Christmas on baked or frozen pies, mincemeat and butter tarts.

Pickleball is taking place Mondays from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Beginners are welcome equipment is available to use.

The cost is \$2.50 per person or free with a membership. Call Judy at 705-766-0288 for more information.

There will be a foot care clinic with Fran Gower, RN on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call Fran at 705-635-1229 for more information or to book an appointment.

The Dorset Recreation Centre and Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24 and will reopen for regular operating hours on Friday, Jan. 2.

Birthday wishes for Dec. 7 to 13 go out to Weldon Tracey, Jackie Timbers, Donald McEachern and Chris Davis. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Legion br. 636

Love to listen to the Highland Trio? Or maybe county, bluegrass, folk and down-east music is your thing.

Then bundle up your sweetie this Saturday, our premises nice and cosy and the Highland Trio will be entertaining from 1 to 5 p.m.

Minden area has some pretty terrific amateur musicians and we expect to have an open mic between sets.

There's always a good turnout as the Trio has some very loyal fans, so plan to come early for the best seats.

There's no cover charge, just a donation at the door for the band.

Ring out the Christmas bells! Wednesday Dec. 17 Minden Legion will be serving our annual Christmas turkey dinner with all the fixings, from noon to 2 p.m. There will also be special Christmas meat draws featuring hams and turkeys.

An excellent opportunity for a chance win the meat for your Christmas dinner! This is always a very popular day, one which you don't want to miss.

The Minden Legion serves lunches every weekday with beer-battered fish & chips served Fridays noon to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. adding wings or onion rings.

However, this commitment takes a lot of volunteer hours and with many of our regulars going away for the winter, there are some blanks to fill on the calendar.

The revenue from these meals and special events help us keep our branch open for several community groups - Rotary,

Minden seniors, darts, Community Care, Calorie Counters, rug hookers, radio club, euchre players, etc.

If you can help cook four to five hours, once or twice a month, please leave a message at the branch, 705-286-4541.

If your 2015 membership card says six, 11, 16 years, etc., you are entitled to receive a new pin for completing five, 10 or 15 years etc of service.

We will mark those significant milestones during the Honours and Awards Day as part of the President's Levee on Jan. 1. If you can't be there on New Year's Day, contact President Judy Flieger so she can set your pin aside for another date. We'll also be announcing the winner of the 2015 Early Bird Draw at the Levee.

For those who missed the early bird deadline, time is running out to maintain your membership in good standing by renewing your 2015 membership before the end of the year.

Our condolences to the friends and comrades of zone sports officer Kirk Wilson following his death from cancer last week.

The zone and district sports events have been scheduled for the winter and the lineup will be posted shortly.

These events provide for some friendly inter-branch competition and excellent comradeship, exclusively for Legion members who have valid membership cards.

A few weeks ago, I wrote that Gwen Cox had received her 40-year pin as a Ladies Auxiliary member.

Well, whoever gave me that number was wrong; Gwen received her pin for an outstanding 50 years of service.

Congratulations, Gwen!



Haliburton County Home Builders Association 19th Annual Christmas Challenge

Join the Challenge and help us to make a difference

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County for families in need.

Step 1: Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 457-6901

Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton County. **Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 15th.** Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

This is the 19th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 19th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

Call 705-457-6901 and book your gift pick up date early!
www.hchba.ca



Believe in the Magic of Giving!

As of December 4th,
The Believe In the Magic of Giving campaign
has raised **\$29,695** for the
Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre.

Thank you to the following generous businesses, groups and individuals:

Donald Harrison	Jieter & Annemarie Vinke	Robert & Diane LeMottee	Gary & Ann McKay
Derek & Helen Carroll	Marilyne Kapuvvari	Brian & Carolyn Bettens	Vic & Linda Hodgins
John G. Morgan	Peter McCallion	Douglas Blaney	Ron Wilson
Norma Goodger	Bonnie Roberts	Dale Robinson	Philip Mavor
Carol Gilligan	Viola E. Lucas	Renee Woltz Chuba	Carmen & Aileen Peters
Bob & Heather Moeser	David & Gina Davidson	Tom & Patricia Tomev	Peter & Margaret Brogden
Dr. Catherine Pryor	Peter & Marilyn Tosswill	William Duke	Mark & Stephanie Bain
Patricia Burchell	Patrick Greaves	Sharon Tyler	R.A. Burk & Son Construction
John Jacobi	Jean Randell	William Brohm	Eileen Adams
Janet Bond	Jack Long	David & Shirley Horsley	Sheila Carter
Gord McKindsey	Dr. Megan McKee	James & Elizabeth Gaine	
Douglas Marck	Karin Eisen	Barbara Kostch	
Marilyn Hadley	Harris & Olive Coish	Ronald & Sylvia Wright	

The following donors wished to make their donation to honour and celebrate the life of someone special.

Vivian Scarano	Margaret Bergen	Liz & Larry Boxall	Larry Boxall	Gladys Roberts	Howard Roberts
Jack Winfield	My Son, Bob Winfield	Angela Gurllesky	Andrew Gurllesky	Betty Davis	My Son, Bryan
Patricia Hodgson	William Hodgson	Charles Coupal	Barbara Coupal	Ruby Curl	Don & Dana Curl
Bill & Mary Forbes	Katherine Forbes	Dorothy Burtch	Robert Burtch	Gord Lee	Bert Lee
Tom Wright..	Kathy Wright	Ann Davidson	Bill Bourne	Leona Couch	William Couch
Peter & Amelia Hryb	Mrs. J. Leadbetter	Beverly Mayo	Lee Blair	H. J. Drew	Velma Drew
Lynda Martin	Bill & Vi Martin	Jesse Barlow	Betty Barlow	Anne Cohoon	Ken Cohoon
Lynda Martin	Dorothy Shelton	Donna Carson	Gary Carson		

Special Thanks
Moose 93FM &
Canoe 100.9 FM
Stay tuned for
weekly updates.



7199 Gelert Road, PO Box 1413
Haliburton, ON KOM 150
705-457-1580
6 McPearson St, P.O. Box 30,
Minden, ON KOM 2K0
705-286-1580

Minden Times Classifieds

Call 705-286-1288 Deadline 4 pm Each Monday

**Classified Word
Ad Special**

25 Words
Your ad will run in both
The Echo & Times
Only \$15 ^{+HST}

120 AUCTIONS

ESTATE ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Beginning Friday Dec. 12 10am
Closing Tuesday Dec. 16-8pm
at **MCLEAN AUCTION
CENTER-LINDSAY**
selling the contents of large
Muskoka estate & others,
antiques, furniture, glass & china,
crystal, prints, crocks, vintage
toys, stamps, coins, costume
jewelry, electronics, vintage tools,
hand & power tools, fishing poles
& tackle, hundreds of collectables
& hard to find items, over 1500
interesting lots to bid on, go to the
website for catalogue & photos as
they become available,
*Do not miss this
fantastic auction!*
MCLEAN AUCTIONS
705-324-2783
photos/catalogue/terms/preview/
pickup times at
www.mcleanauctions.com

200 FOR SALE

Gently used **STAIR CHAIR LIFTS**
and **WHEELCHAIR LIFTS** available!
New/ used Residential Elevator
and Accessibility Lifts bought/sold
installed repaired and maintained.
Call Ross 613-689-4301

220 FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Cut & split firewood. Mixed
hardwood. Minden or Haliburton
Delivery included. Call 705-286-2122

380 COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT

Commercial Office Space
for Rent Modern 1100 sq feet
space on Hwy. #118 newly
painted with two large private
offices large reception area with
kitchen and bathroom. Parking
available. Suitable for a small
office. For further information
please call 705-457-6333.

260 AUTOMOTIVE FOR SALE

2000 Mazda Protege \$500. as is.
205000 km. 5 spd. has new clutch
and timing belt. Needs approx.
\$1300 to safety. Call 705-457-2972.

For Sale – GMC Pick-up Truck
and Plow 4 Wheel Drive Good
Cond. No Rust Good Tires \$5500
Call 705 457-2434

300 FOR RENT

Apartment for Rent – 2 Bdrm 2
Bathroom \$700/mth Plus Utilities
Hwy 21 close to The Independent
First/Last References please
No Smoking/No Pets
Call 705 457-2434

300 FOR RENT

Granite Cove Condo, 1385 sq ft fabulous view
overlooking lake and park. 2 bdrm, 2 baths, separate
dining room/den, air conditioning, indoor parking,
boat slip, pet friendly. \$1560 per month utilities extra.
Available Dec. 1st. Looking for renewable 3 year lease.
Apply in writing to J. Nichols, Box 1168 Haliburton,
KOM 1S0. Please include your phone number.

ASHLEY HOPE APARTMENTS

Now renting newly renovated 2 bedroom
apartments in a nice quiet building.
Seniors very welcome.
First/last months rent required
From \$699 per month. NO pets Please.
Toll Free: 1-866-996-8226 ext: 202

400 HELP WANTED

thrift WAREHOUSE

HELP WANTED

**Inventory Receiving/Processing Lead
for Thrift Warehouse, Haliburton.**

You will be responsible for on-site
assessment, acceptance and organization
of all donations. You are detail oriented
but able see the bigger picture. You
thrive under pressure, are committed
to a broad range of recycling, and are
and able to lift and move heavy items.
You are unfailingly positive, proactive
and excellent with customers. You have
had experience in retail or warehousing,
have managed staff, and are known as a
great team member. For a detailed job
description and to submit resume with
cover letter.

e-mail: info@sirch.on.ca
or call 705-457-1742.

440 NOTICE

Witness to Automobile Accident of December 21, 2012

Location: Gelert Road (formerly Country Rd 1), approx. 1/2 km.
south of the Vick Road.

Details: The accident was caused by a large white transport
truck straddling two lanes at high speeds. My wife was driving a
blue Honda CRV (SUV crossover). She crashed into the ditch.
She has brown hair, was wearing glasses and a black jacket.

**We are seeking the witness who was an older gentleman
driving a light colour older model SUV. He helped my wife
immediately following the accident.**

**Anyone who has knowledge of the accident or was witness
to the accident please call collect, Toronto 416-648-9185.**



440 NOTICE

440 NOTICE

*The gift that gives
all year long!*



Do you have a friend or family member
that is hard to buy for at Christmas time?

Why not consider a gift subscription to the
Haliburton County Echo or Minden Times?

Gift subscriptions are **only \$46.00** and will
be delivered for one year to an address of your
choice. Each gift subscription will include a gift
card for you to announce your gift.

Or

Renew or buy a subscription for
yourself for \$46.00 and buy up to
two gift subscriptions for
only \$25.00 EACH!

Each gift subscription will include a
gift card to announce your gift and
will be delivered to the address of
your choice for one year.



THE
ECHO
HALIBURTON COUNTY

For more information or
to purchase your
gift subscription please call
Debbie Comer at 705-286-1288.

The Times
MINDEN ONTARIO

420 HELP AVAILABLE

DOG SITTER ~ Mature country
lady will give your pet loving care.
Reasonable rates for longer stays.
Call for details 705 489-3661



Minden Times Classifieds

Call 705-286-1288
Deadline 4 pm Monday

460 SERVICES

STEEL ROOFING & SIDING

29 gauge Galv \$72 per sq.,
45 year paint \$98 per sq.,
10 year paint \$82 per sq.
Bar Steel Sales
705-723-8080
www.sbsteel.ca

**Same Day
Screen
Repair**
Call or Visit
Carriage House
705-286-2994



**WE'RE MINDING YOUR
business!**

500 FUNERAL SERVICES

**HALIBURTON
Community
FUNERAL HOME**
"Providing a Service
that respects your wishes"

13523 Highway 118, Haliburton
705.457.9209
www.communityfuneralhomes.com



500 FUNERAL SERVICES

**SANDERSON
MONUMENT**
Est. 1872

~ SINCE 1872 ~

**Five Generations
of Excellence**

Lindsay, Minden,
Haliburton, Bancroft & Area
JACK BARTHOLOMEW

Office & Showroom

17 Russell St. W., Lindsay

(705) 324-9222

1-(800)-461-0282

www.sandersonmonument.ca

600 ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's A Girl!

Janine and Paul Daniels
are pleased to announce
the birth of their daughter
Avery Elizabeth
born November 15th, 2014
in Newmarket, Ontario,
weighing 9 lbs 2 oz.

Proud grandparents;
Janice Fuller, Etobicoke;
Robert Sandford, Mississauga;
Rob and Kathy Daniels,
Algonquin Highlands and
great grandparents;
Millie Fuller, Etobicoke;
Elizabeth Sandford, Brampton;
and Murry and Olive Daniels,
Minden.



600 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you!

Junior & Lois would like to
say a special Thank You to
our sons Elwood & Craig
and family members for a
Surprise Party for our
60th Wedding Anniversary
on Nov. 26th 2014.
Over 50 family and friends
attended from as far away
as Sault Ste Marie and
Havelock. A beautiful cake
and a delicious meal,
cards and flowers.
Thanks to everyone!

Junior & Lois Barry



**Gordon A.
Monk**
Funeral Home Ltd.
& Pre-planning Centre
"Serving Haliburton
and Victoria
Counties"

(705) 286-2181
Toll Free 1-888-588-5777
Fax: 705-286-6661
127 Main St., Minden

Representatives for Lons Memorials (visit our on site display) • www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

Call for information
explaining many of
the options available to you.

We can help...

- We offer pre-need and at need packages for cremation, burial and memorial arrangements
- Family and reception centre
- Kids play room
- Bereavement support, services & lending library
- Affordable cost options

Network CLASSIFIEDS

ADVERTISE ACROSS ONTARIO OR ACROSS THE COUNTRY!

For more information contact your local newspaper.

DRIVERS WANTED



...Our people make it happen.

Owner Operators Required

Requirements

2009 must be trucks or newer
We will inspect older equipment
Clean driver's abstract/CVOR/FAST
Card

Minimum 2 years cross border exp.

Cross Border Company Drivers Required

Clean driver's abstract/CVOR
Criminal Record Search
Minimum 2 years cross border exp.
Must complete pre-employment drug
test

APPLY TO:

recruiting@rosedale.ca

OR CALL TOLL-FREE:

1-877-588-0057 ext. 4612
for more details on each position.

Mississauga terminal also looking
for licensed LCV Drivers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPS.

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION is an in-demand career in Canada! Employers have work-at-home positions available. Get the online training you need from an employer-trusted program. Visit: CareerStep.ca/MT or 1-888-528-0809 to start training for your work-at-home career today!

FOR SALE



Acanac-Inc.

#1 HIGH SPEED INTERNET
\$32.95/Month

Absolutely no ports are blocked
Unlimited Downloading
Up to 11Mbps Download &
800Kbps Upload

ORDER TODAY AT:

www.acanac.ca

or

CALL TOLL-FREE:
1-866-281-3538

SAWMILLS from only \$4,397 - MAKE MONEY & SAVE MONEY with your own bandmill - Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship. FREE Info & DVD: www.NorwoodSawmills.com/400OT 1-800-566-6899 Ext:400OT.

ADVERTISING

REACH MILLIONS OF CUSTOMERS IN ONTARIO WITH ONE EASY CALL! Your Classified Ad or Display Ad would appear in weekly newspapers each week across Ontario in urban, suburban and rural areas. For more information Call Today 647-350-2558, Email: kmagill@rogers.com or visit: www.OntarioClassifiedAds.com.

MORTGAGES

1st & 2nd MORTGAGES from 2.45% VRM and 2.99% FIXED. All Credit Types Considered. Let us help you SAVE thousands on the right mortgage! Purchasing, Re-financing, Debt Consolidation, Home Renovations...CALL 1-800-225-1777, www.homeguardfunding.ca (LIC #10409).

AS SEEN ON TV - Need a MORTGAGE, Home Equity Loan, Better Rate? Bad Credit, Self-Employed, Bankrupt? Been turned down? Facing Foreclosure, Power of Sale? CALL US NOW TOLL-FREE 1-877-733-4424 and speak to a licensed mortgage agent. MMAmortgages.com specializes in residential, commercial, rural, agriculture, farms, & land mortgages. Visit: www.MMAmortgages.com (Lic#12126).

\$\$\$ 1st, 2nd, 3rd MORTGAGES - Debt Consolidation, Refinancing, Renovations, Tax Arrears, no CMHC fees. \$50K you pay \$208.33/month (OAC). No income, bad credit, power of sale stopped!! BETTER OPTION MORTGAGES, CALL TODAY Toll-Free 1-800-282-1169, www.mortgageontario.com (LIC# 10969).

PERSONALS

ARE YOU TIRED OF BEING ALONE? Make it your New Year's Resolution not to be! Let MISTY RIVER INTRODUCTIONS help you find someone wonderful to spend the rest of your life with. CALL TODAY! CALL(416)777-6302, (705)734-1292, www.mistyriverintros.com.

CAREER OPPS



**Arctic
Co-operatives
Limited**

**Wanted: General Managers with
experience in retail or grocery
stores.**

Positions are located in Nunavut or
Northwest Territories

View job descriptions on our
website at: **www.arctic.coop**

Please send your resume to:

HumanResources@Arctic.Coop

Or fax to: **1-204-632-8575**

WANTED

FIREARMS WANTED FOR
FEBRUARY 21st, 2015 AUCTION:
Rifles, Shotguns, Handguns.
As Estate Specialists WE
manage sale of registered / unregis-
tered firearms. Contact Paul, Swit-
zer's Auction: Toll-Free 1-800-694-
2609, info@switzersauction.com or
www.switzersauction.com.

WANTED: OLD TUBE AUDIO
EQUIPMENT. 40 years or
older. Amplifiers, Stereo, Recording
and Theatre Sound Equipment.
Hammond organs. Any condition,
no floor model consoles. Call
Toll-Free 1-800-947-0393 / 519-853-
2157.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

FREE
Consultation
\$\$ MONEY \$\$

- 1ST, 2ND & 3RD MORTGAGES FOR ANY PURPOSE
- DEBT CONSOLIDATION
- BAD CREDIT
- TAX OR MORTGAGE ARREARS
- DECREASE PAYMENTS UP TO 75%
- SELF-EMPLOYED
- NO PROOF OF INCOME

Ontario-Wide Financial
1-888-307-7799
www.ontario-widefinancial.com

(Licence #12456)

STEEL BUILDINGS

STEEL BUILDINGS/METAL BUILDINGS 60% OFF! 20x28, 30x40, 40x62, 45x90, 50x120, 60x150, 80x100 sell for balance owed! Call 1-800-457-2206 www.crownsteelbuildings.ca

STEEL BUILDINGS... "REALLY BIG SALE!" All steel building models and sizes. Plus extra savings. Buy now and we will store until spring. Pioneer Steel 1-800-668-5422 www.pioneersteel.ca

Minden Times Classifieds

Call 705-286-1288
Deadline 4 pm Monday

640 IN MEMORIAM

640 IN MEMORIAM

640 IN MEMORIAM

Remember

They are waiting
by the river,
Just across
the silent stream
Where sweet flowers
are ever blooming
And the banks are
ever green.

with The Times

Brenda Henderson
passed away December 14, 2012

*Lovingly remembered by
Tom, Arlene, Alan Brian, Leah,
and lovingly remembered
by the rest of the family*



650 OBITUARIES

650 OBITUARIES

650 OBITUARIES



Jean Evelyn Hunt.

March 8 1920 – November 6 2014 (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Jean died peacefully at Highland Wood in Haliburton after a brief illness. Jean was born in Gowanstown, Ontario and lived most of her life in Palmerston. She was the daughter of William Bailey and Nellie Kress. Jean was a Registered Nurse, a graduate of The Stratford School of Nursing and worked as a nurse and Director of Nursing at Palmerston and District Hospital. Jean continued to serve others well into her retirement years and was a true friend to many, especially Lorne Moore of Carescent Care, Harriston and his family (her adopted family). Jean was a faithful member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Palmerston and a member of Peace Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Palmerston. Jean was married to the late John Edgar Hunt and was beloved mother of Lynne Johnston of Haliburton, John Hunt (deceased), and Patricia Kramer (Marc) of Switzerland. Her memory will be cherished by her grandchildren, Beth Robinson (Mark) of Leesburg, Virginia, Philip (Carol Marriott) of Minneapolis, Minnesota and David Hunt of North Bay. She leaves two great grandchildren, Jayden and Brayden Hunt.

Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at **ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** 310 James Street, Palmerston, Ontario on Tuesday morning, December 23, 2014 from 10 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. If desired, donations to HHHSF - Highland Wood or the Palmerston and District Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.
www.communityfuneralhomes.com



In Loving Memory of Wendy Louise Campbell

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the age of 57.

Beloved daughter of Ada and the late H. Douglas Campbell. Dear sister of Patricia and John. Fondly remembered by her extended family in Ottawa, Toronto, Delta, Brockville and Calgary.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Friday from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate Wendy's Life will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 11:00 am.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

In Loving Memory of Ronald "Ron" E. Tucker

Passed away peacefully after spending time with family and friends at home on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the age of 73.

Loving husband of Bernice. Dear father of Darryl of Terrace, B.C. and Stephanie and Ian of Omemee. Loving Popsey to Sarah and Ben Sollitt. Dear brother of Ethel Shadlock. Fondly remembered by his many family and friends. Well respected teacher for the Durham District School Board for many years. Former president of the Minden Agricultural Society and member of the Minden Hospital Auxiliary. Fondly remembered for his happy disposition and enjoying everyday to the fullest. "Look for the bare necessities, The simple bare necessities. Forget about your worries and your Life" - Disney "The Jungle Book"

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Monday, December 8, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Ron's Life in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com





Drew Bishop**
457-2128 x 23



Dagmar Boettcher**
489-9968



Janice Brookes*
457-2128 x 22



Gloria Carnochan*
& Cindy Muenzel*
754-1932



Mark Dennys*
457-2128 x 30



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26



Lee Gauthier**
489-9968



Ed Gibbons*
286-2138 x 28



Andrew Hodgson**
286-2138 x 29



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33



Valerie Kulla*
286-2138



Denise LeBlanc*
286-2138 x 23

Woods Road \$359,000



- Fabulous 3+ bdrm home
- Over 1900 sq. ft. of living space
- Close to town, boat launch(s)
- Call Drew for further details

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23

NEW LISTING


Pine Street \$259,000



- Renovated 4+ bdrm in town home
- New windows upstairs, soffit and eaves
- New propane boiler and furnace
- Flat lot with lots of parking

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Halbiem – BY THE LAKE! \$67,900



- Prestigious neighborhood
- Boat launch 5 lake chain
- Close to all amenities
- Walk to town!!!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Haliburton Lakefront Classic! \$699,000



- Charming 3200 sq ft home; 3BR; 2 bath
- 170' ftg on Grass Lake; 5 Lake chain
- Beautifully landscaped; Western exposure; Large decks
- Ideal for a large family or entertaining

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel
754-1932

Just Minutes From Town \$259,900



- 166 Ft road frontage, 1.01 Acres
- 3 Bedrooms w/4 pc bath
- Open concept design, lg rec rm & bar
- Oversized det'd/heated garage w/ sep. suite

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

Main Street Minden Priced to Sell



- 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, main floor laundry
- Newer furnace, windows, beautiful finished
- Wrap around porch, garage with loft
- Walk to all services - Only \$159,000

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

Maple Lake \$449,000



SOLD

- Year round 1.5 storey cottage
- 3 bdrm 2 bathroom 100 ft waterfront
- Kitchen and Dining is original log
- Bunkie, workshop and woodshed

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

3 Lake Chain! \$339,900



- Great opportunity on Beech Lake
- Charming cottage on level lot, south facing
- Features 100 ft of sandy shoreline, great for the kids
- Lots of potential and priced to sell!

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

NEW LISTING

Highway 35 \$199,000



- Great commercial lot, over 2 acres
- Close to several new business developments
- Fantastic business opportunity, call today!

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

NEW PRICE

Wenona Lake Access \$147,500



- 4 Season cottage overlooking Wenona Lake
- Deeded lake access just steps away
- Full septic, drilled well
- New metal roof and woodstove

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
457-2128 x 33

Building Lot McLeod St. Minden \$39,000



SOLD

- Close to hospital and downtown.
- Friendly, quiet neighbourhood.
- Convenient to everything Minden has to offer

Valerie Kulla 286-2138

Bobcaygeon Road \$199,900



- High and dry on Main Street w paved parking
- C-4 Village commercial zoning, tons of potential
- Upstairs living accommodations, new furnace
- Nicely landscaped with easy care perennials

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

Norland Area Home \$269,000



- 2 Storey Royal home w/att garage
- 3 bdrms, master w/en suite & Jacuzzi
- Partially finished bsmt
- Landscaped, 1.53 acres

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

South of Minden \$117,900



- Well maintained home in quiet community
- Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
- 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office
- Loads of space, private yard

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Home with a Pond \$147,000



- Central location, value packed and priced to sell
- 3 Bedroom home with double detached garage
- Lovely 1+ acre lot with pond, gardens & trees
- 200 amp service, newer roof, FA Furnace

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

NEW LISTING

Glamor Lake \$569,000



- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/en suite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31

NEW PRICE

Halls Lake \$250,000



- Great property with original 1940's cabin
- + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitchen
- Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

Country Charm \$249,900



- Close to town, 5 acres of privacy, with ponds
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath home
- 30 x 45 barn and 16 x 30 drive shed
- Great location, easy access, super value!

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Yes, you can afford Soyers Lake! \$119,900



- 2.33 acres of well forested land
- Great building sites with awesome lake view
- Water frontage across the quiet cottage road
- Fabulous home or cottage location

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot \$68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi-exposure 1.5 acre residential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well-maintained Township road - a "Must-Buy!"

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

NEW LISTING

Minden Home Overlooking River \$199,000

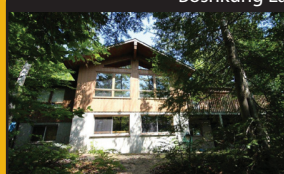


- Charming 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Bungalow
- Hardwood Floors, New Carpeting, Propane Fireplace
- Sunroom and Att'd Garage
- Almost 1 Acre Level Lot with a Dock on the River

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

NEW LISTING

Boshkung Lake \$599,000



- Year round ctge/home on Echo Bay
- 151' of hard sand beach, with rock outcrops
- 3 bdrms, brick FP, custom kitchen, whirlpool tub
- West exp. and excellent privacy

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Tedious Lake \$519,000



- Newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage
- 2+ acres, 150' water ftg & stunning sunsets
- Open concept layout with cathedral ceilings
- Full & finished walkout basement

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

NEW LISTING

Bright Minden Home \$209,000



- 3 bdr, 2 bath raised bungalow in town
- Beautiful view of the Gull River/River walk
- Full basement and attached garage
- Newly painted and new propane fireplace

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

NEW LISTING

Century 21

Granite Realty Group Ltd.
Real Estate Brokerage

- Haliburton (705) 457-2128
- Minden (705) 286-2138
- Carnarvon (705) 489-9968
- Kennisis/Redstone (705) 754-1932

- www.century21granite.com
- info@century21granite.com

Connected to More™



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27



Erin Nicholls*
457-2128 x 34



Karen Nimigon**
457-2128 x 29



Dawn Poissant*
457-2128 x 31



Margie Prestwich*
457-2128 x 37



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28



Kim Stamp**
457-2128 x 24



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-2128 x 52



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32



Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25